

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 6/22/11)

JUNE 8, 2011

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

D. Adam, B. Dyer, R. Turner,

Absent: Sean Sparks, J. Finnigin

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

MINUTES

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and accept the Minutes for May 25, 2011

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

DEEPWATER LN. #8

Ms. Hershey stated the work has been complete on this property and recommends vacating the Enforcement Order

Mr. Goetz made the motion to vacate the Enforcement Order issued for 8 Deepwater Ln.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Routine Municipal Work Order

DEP# 315-683

A municipal work order was received in the office from the DPW for work to be done at Clarks Pond which included the removal of (4) pine trees near the picnic area. The commission had no concerns with this.

The commission discussed wanting the recommendation from Aquatic Control with regards to the use of paddle boats on Turners Pond.

**PUBLIC HEARING
AMMENDMENT TO ORDER OF CONDITIONS
LOT 1 NORTH ST.
DEP# 315-969**

Opened: 7:03

Mr. Wiley read the Advertisement from the Walpole Times. This hearing is requested by the applicant to amend the Order of Conditions which was previously approved by the commission on May 5, 2011

Board comments were read into the record.

Revised plans titled "Site and Septic System Design Lot 1 North St. Walpole MA" dated May 17, 2011 were received in the office for review and presented to the board

Mr. Rick Goodrow, of United Consultants, and applicant Mr. Lorusso were present. Wetland specialist Mr. Frank Postma, was also present. Mr. Goodrow discussed the request for an amendment to the Order of Conditions for Lot 1 North St. The modification involves relocating the proposed driveway, now to be connected to North St. He stated the wetlands have been delineated and some adjustments were made. Mr. Goodrow stated the proposed driveway is designed to have a retaining wall located at each edge at the entrance. Mr. Goodrow stated the request to look at the use of pervious pavement was completed and the applicant is proposing to install a stone trench on the side of the driveway down-gradient. This will allow the capture of runoff and also would provide groundwater recharge.

Mr. Postma stated the BVW has been delineated in the area of the driveway connection. He also stated the river location has been extended.

Ms. Hershey asked where the hydric soils are located. She stated she would like to complete a site visit with Mr. Postma to look at the wetland line and see where the upland line is located. Ms. Hershey stated the Engineering Dept. had not had the chance to comment but access permits and curb cut needs to be discussed with that department.

Mr. Turner asked about the maintenance of the drainage ditch considering sand and stone would be coming off the driveway into it.

Mr. Goodrow stated it would need to be replaced or cleaned if needed.

Mr. Wiley stated this Public Hearing should be continued as Ms. Hershey would like to review the wetlands with the applicant's representative.

Mr. Turner made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until June 22, 2011 at 6:45

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

SOUTH ST. #400

Mr. Rob Truax, GLM Engineering was present representing the owner PJ Hayes who was unable to be present. A letter was sent to Mr. Truax and Mr. Hayes asking them to come to tonight's meeting to discuss the enforcement issues regarding 400 South St.

Mr. Truax provided a locus map for the commission to review. He also submitted restoration plans to the office entitled "Wetland Location Plan 400 South St. Walpole, MA" and dated April 18, 2011. Mr. Truax stated the plan is for a Notice of Intent filing to be submitted to the conservation commission this summer. The proposal will be for the owners office building, stockpiled material and bins to be moved forward for better public access.

The commission discussed Area A. Mr. Truax stated he is unable to determine exactly what may or may not have been disturbed. He stated the wetland line has been delineated with Joyce Hastings and the proposal includes taking back 2,000 ft. of wetlands and pulling everything out of the 25 ft. buffer zone. He stated the plantings have not been depicted on the plan as he would like the commission to discuss what they would prefer to be planted. He also stated the owner is willing to do whatever the commission chooses.

Mr. Goetz discussed that Mr. Hayes has done a lot of clean-up, and is happy about that. He would like to see native shrubs planted and also wants drainage issues discussed. He would like them to come back with a plan to show the commission.

The commission looked at aerial pictures and feel the clearing occurred between 2005 and 2008. Ms. Hershey suggested that when the applicant files the Notice of Intent the stormwater system should be looked at and incorporated in this.

The commission discussed Area B, and constructing a fence or some other demarcation to prevent dumping and clearing. Mr. Wiley suggested the representative speak with the owner and come up with some suggestions and get back to the commission

Mr. Truax will talk to Mr. Hayes and be in touch with the commission regarding a planting plan and drainage issues

OTHER BUSINESS

TURNERS PONDS DOCKS

The commission looked over the deed for Turners Pond. A discussion was held regarding the construction of docks that exist and ones that are now being put in. The commission discussed the need to find out whether fees can be charged for this, how many docks have been put in and whether some of these could be “grandfathered” in if put in prior to the Towns ownership of Turners Pond. The commission discussed getting information from Town counsel as to whether fees can be charged for existing docks and if there can be a charge at all.

VOLLEYBALL COURTS

Mr. Wiley told the commission he had a discussion with Bob LeBlanc, Superintendent of Highway/Parks regarding the location of the volleyball courts behind Morgan Field/Memorial Pond. Bob LeBlanc told Mr. Wiley that for safety reasons, one or more trees needed to come down as they are diseased. He also told him there were no issues with cutting down the shrub line and making it grass, and that would extend the area 20 ft. to the top of the bank. He also has no concerns with cutting roots on the line which would demark the court. Mr. Wiley wanted to make sure the board has no concerns before Asst. Town Administrator Jim Johnson makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The board has no concerns and is all for the location of the courts to be behind Morgan Field.

The following correspondence was discussed and available for the commission to review

- Walpole Country Club – Allen Restoration project
- Merrikin Engineering – Walpole Park South –ENF
- NSTAR – routine repair of maintenance of existing access roads

Ms. Hershey presented hand-outs to the board regarding the Open Space and Recreation Plan. She is requesting the board reads it over and comments prior to the Public Hearing which is scheduled for June 22, 2011

Mr. Wiley talked about the 72 acres of Buttimer Property (Sunnyrock Farms) that will be going up for sale. This will be coming before the Board of Selectmen and there is the opportunity of receiving a grant for the purchase of this property and it is necessary for at least a draft of this Open Space plan be approved by July 14, 2011. The conservation commission supports the purchase of this property.

Conservation Parcel reviews were discussed by the commission

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting closed: 9:30

