

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 6/8/11)

MAY 25, 2011

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

B. Dyer, R. Turner, J. Finnigan, S. Sparks, D. Adams

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent
P. Smith, Board Secretary

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2011

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and accept the Minutes for April 27, 2011

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-2 (Mr. Wiley and Mr. Finnigan abstained)

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board is requesting comments for 1415 Main St. The proposal is for a containment building to be constructed at this address. The commission discussed that this is outside the buffer zone and out of the Board's jurisdiction. The commission would like more information regarding the use of a mercury float switch

PUBLIC MEETING WOODRUFF RD. #7 REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION

OPENED: 7:07

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. John Glossa, Glossa Engineering was present representing the applicants. Plans were presented to the board titled "#7 Woodruff Road On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Plan of Land in Walpole, MA". Mr. Gloss stated this project is for the repair of an

existing septic system which failed Title V. The house is in the process of being sold and this needs to be addressed. Mr. Glossa stated other properties on this street have come before the commission with Request for Determinations in the past. Mr. Glossa stated the lot is flat in the backyard and where the lawn ends the wetlands begin. He stated there is not enough room in front of the lot for a septic system to be constructed. Mr. Glossa is proposing the construction of a septic tank and leach bed in the rear of the house. He is proposing construction of a two ft. high retaining wall, as the existing system will be raised up. Mr. Glossa stated erosion controls will include double staked haybales around the construction site. He is requesting a Negative Determination.

Ms. Hershey stated she completed a site visit and had no concerns with the delineation of the wetlands. She stated the septic system of the house next door also came before the board for a request for determination in the past. Ms. Hershey asked about erosion controls. She stated a dewatering plan should be in place and the road needs to be kept free and clear of debris.

Mr. Goetz stated it is a good idea to take care of this issue and is in approval of a negative determination.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 7:20

The commission discussed special conditions to include inspection of erosion controls prior to construction, a dewatering plan submitted from the contractor, and loam and seed shall be in place within 14 days of completion of project.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

PUBLIC MEETING

MAIN ST. #2040-2050

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION

Opened: 7:25

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. John Glossa, Glossa Engineering was present representing the applicant. The board was given plans titled “#2040-2050 Main St. On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Plan of Land in Walpole, MA”. Mr. Glossa stated this filing is for the repair of an existing septic system which failed Title V. He stated the plans in front of the

commission tonight will be revised. The Board of Health met last night and have requested the applicant move the septic system slightly, but that this will not impact what is before the conservation commission tonight. He stated he did not have time to revise the plan prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Glossa stated the applicant is in the process of purchasing the property. The existing septic is located in front of the building with a leach bed to the right of it. The new system will not be located under the pavement area as it would need to be raised due to the water table. The side of the building is gravel and vacant of trees and vegetation. The proposal is to design the new septic system in that area and Mr. Glossa described detail of the infiltration system. Mr. Glossa stated soil testing was completed; he described siltation control using double staked haybales from the corner of the building and along the driveway towards the wooded area. Mr. Glossa stated the top will be mulched following completion of the project. He stated the replaced system would be up to Title V standards.

Ms. Hershey stated completed a site visit and verified the wetlands line. She requested a revised plan showing the wetlands located across the street to be put on the plan

Mr. Wiley questioned whether mulch should be used. He would prefer loam and seed

Mr. Glossa stated that would be no problem

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 7:40

The commission discussed special conditions. Erosion controls shall be inspected prior to construction, a dozen spare haybales shall be on-site in case they are needed, and loam and seed shall be put in within 14 days of completion. A revised plan shall be submitted showing the wetlands across the street.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

PUBLIC MEETING

POLLEY LN. #68

REQUEST OF DETERMINATION

OPENED: 7:50

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record.

Mr. Matt Ayers, of AD Construction was present representing the applicant. The board was given plans entitled "Proposed Septic System 68 Polley Ln. Walpole, MA" dated March 28, 2011 for review

Mr. Ayers stated this filing is due to a failed Title V inspection on an existing cesspool located at 68 Polley Ln. He stated that with the exception of some slight grading, none of the proposed structural work falls within the buffer zone. Mr. Ayers stated that approximately 760 square feet of grading is proposed.

Ms. Hershey stated she has completed a site visit and made some slight revisions to the wetland line. She stated she has no concerns with this project.

The commission discussed extending the haybales along the edge of the property line.

Mr. Goetz made the comment that he has no issues with this project as this house was involved in some controversy in the past due to the nearby brook. He feels upgrading the system will take care of many problems.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 7:55

The board discussed special conditions to include extending the haybale line, loam and seed within 14 days, and erosion controls shall be inspected prior to construction

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

ENFORCEMENT

SUMMER ST. #1320

Ms. Hershey stated an enforcement order was issued on May 19, 2011 as it was observed that an area was being filled with gravel and being graded for preparation to pave and extend a driveway. This work was occurring within 100 feet of BVW and also a pond. Ms. Hershey stated the owner stopped the work immediately and put up haybales for erosion controls. The owner was present this evening and apologized to the commission for this violation as he said he was unaware repaving was not allowed.

The board discussed ratifying the enforcement order

Mr. Goetz made the motion to ratify the Enforcement Order

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Mr. Goetz made the motion to vacate the Enforcement Order

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

SOUTH ST. #400

Ms. Hershey stated that a letter was sent to PJ Hayes requesting a remediation plan be provided to the commission by May 18, 2011 and that GLM was supposed to come before the board tonight to discuss this enforcement issue and present these plans. Plans were not submitted by that date and no one showed up to the meeting. A letter will be sent notifying the applicant and/or representative to come before the board on June 8, 2011 or fines can be issued.

Ms. Hershey stated she sent letters out to the owners of 8 Tanglewood Dr., 8 Deepwater Ln. and 340 West St. asking for updates regarding the Enforcement Orders.

OTHER BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The conservation commission discussed reorganization of the board

Mr. Jack Wiley – Chairman

Mr. Albert Goetz – Vice-Chairman

Mr. Turner made the motion to approve the reorganization of the Board as noted above

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The conservation commission approved the following summer schedule

June 8th and 22nd

July 13th

August 10th

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the summer schedule

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

VOLLEYBALL COURTS

Mr. Wiley discussed that he would like the support of the conservation commission not to endorse the relocation of the volleyball courts to Adams Farm as proposed by the volleyball group. He brought in a plan to show the commission which would allow for a redesign of the courts and make it conducive to working at Morgan Field, which was the approved site for the court relocation originally. Mr. Wiley wants to bring this revised plan before the Board of Selectmen showing the changes which includes a 30 ft. free zone between courts.

Mr. Goetz made the motion not to endorse the relocation of the volleyball courts to Adams Farm

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

The commission discussed working with the volleyball group with the revised plan design so the Morgan Field site would work. The board also felt that the volleyball site would be better located in a central location in Walpole.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to accept a revision to the previously approved plans showing a change of position to the volleyball courts

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

CLARKS POND

Ms. Hershey stated a quote for services were sent out, but that Lycott Environmental did not respond with a quote, and only Aquatic Control has. She stated that the ponds committees were copied with this information to review.

The commission discussed getting more information of what they are treating and with what chemicals.

ROUTINE MUNICIPAL WORK ORDERS

DEP# 315-683

The commission reviewed municipal work orders which include removing debris surrounding the brook located near Town Hall and completing two soil test pits, repairing grills and putting wood chips under trees where picnic tables will be placed at Clarks Pond as well as removing a few selected trees per the Walpole Parks Dept.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 9:00