

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 4/27/11)

APRIL 13, 2011

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

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

Also Present L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

P. Smith Board Secretary

An Open Space and Recreation Plan Meeting was held prior to the Conservation Commission meeting

MEETING OPENED: 7:02

MBCR RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION

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

Mr. Kyle Fair, Tech Associates was present representing the Mass Bay Commuter Railroad. He stated this filing is for vegetation management activities along MBCR's Right-of-Way. USGS maps were submitted for the board to review. Mr. Fair stated that Yearly Operational Plan and updates of the Vegetation Management Plans are submitted to the commission. Mr. Fair stated that revisions have been made to the ROW Management regulations and as a result there are changes regarding spray zones along the river and riverfront area.

Ms. Hershey stated she has reviewed the maps against GIS arials. She stated it addresses changes in the regulations which went from a no spray area within 10 ft. of flowing surface water to within 10 ft. of the annual high water line of a river.

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 7:15

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 5 Determination

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Lot 22 Gristmill Ln.

Ms. Hershey stated a letter was submitted by Walsh Bros. Building Co. with the request for a minor modification to Lot 22 Gristmill Ln. There is a slightly revised foundation plan, the garage is on the right hand side and shape is slightly different. The board reviewed the change and voted unanimously to accept this as a minor modification

Mr. Goetz made the motion to accept the changes presented as a minor modification to the approved Order of Conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

MINUTES

March 23, 2011

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Minutes for March 23, 2011

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/PENDING BUSINESS

Ms. Hershey discussed the notice from the Recreation Dept. that a clean up of the Spring Brook area is being planned. They are seeking volunteers to help remove trash, invasive plants and dead limbs and trees.

TOWN FOREST

The commission discussed using road regrind materials for the Town Forest discussed at the last meeting. It was decided that this wouldn't be appropriate as clean-fill would need to be used.

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

PEACH ST. #110

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

Opened: 7:25

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for this continued Public Hearing. The commission was awaiting receipts showing that all outstanding finances owed the Town of Walpole have been taken care of.

No representatives were present at this hearing. The receipts showing the paid bills were submitted prior to the meeting

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 7:30

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 3 Determination with conditions including erosion controls and verification of the roof infiltration units

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

BSC GROUP

RIVERWALK COMMONS

A report from BSC group was submitted to the commission on April 7, 2011. Ms. Hershey stated that she has requested a representative from BSC group come before the board as this warrants a discussion. She stated they would like to take down more trees along the edge of the river. No one was available to come before the board this evening

Royal Crest Lycott Report - Ms. Hershey stated the report showed a really high phosphorus count at the culvert on Peach St. She will follow up on this

DISCUSSION

PONDS COMMITTEE

Members of the Ponds Committee came before the board and presented them with a 2011 Ponds Goals and Objectives packet for review. A PowerPoint presentation was shown recapping these goals and objectives.

A discussion was held as each point was discussed and clarified. The commission pointed out what goals in particular would require filings and gave direction and insight on to other goals. The permitting process was discussed and Ms. Hershey will assist the committee members as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

TRC Solutions submitted a request for a minor modification to the plan for the MBCR Culvert replacement job. The contractor that was hired would like to relocate the replacement culvert. They believe it would reduce resource impacts by avoiding a grouping of trees

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the revised culvert location as a minor change with the provision that discharge area be clarified and stabilized

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Board had a general discussion regarding the Ponds in Walpole, specifically the building of docks on Turners Pond and how the commission wants to handle this. They discussed checking the deed and addressing this issue. The Board discussed starting up a policy in regards to this.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

South St. #440 – Ms. Hershey stated she has received nothing from GLM Engineering as of yet. The commission advised a letter be sent to GLM with a date specified for the requested plan/information to be submitted to our office or action with penalties shall be taken.

Tanglewood Dr. #8 – Report required to be submitted in May

Deepwater Ln. # 8 – Ms. Hershey stated this shall be reviewed in April

West St. #440 – Ms. Hershey stated a report on the replication area is due in May

APPEALS

Ms. Hershey stated nothing is new with the appeal regarding Frontier Dr. Lot 18

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- RTM – Spring Town Meeting
- Allied Recycling – Stormwater Treatment proposal
- Mass Wildlife News

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

MEETING CLOSED: 9:50

