

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES (Approved 4/13/11)**

**MARCH 23, 2011**

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

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

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

P. Smith, Board Secretary

An Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee meeting was held prior to the meeting

**MEETING OPENED: 7:00**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **PONDS COMMITTEE**

Members of the Ponds Committee and their supporters came before the board to review what has been happening at Turner's Lodge over the past winter months and present their suggested plans for the Ponds in Walpole for the future. They had come prepared with a power point presentation to show the commission

Mr. Wiley stated the commission would rather discuss specific plans the committee has. He discussed conflicts that occurred regarding water levels and drawdown issues and the need to prevent these conflicts in the future.

Mr. Danny Ryan of the Ponds Committee discussed the proposed plan for motorized boats on the ponds and also how great the community involvement has been this past winter.

Mr. Wiley discussed there is a deed restriction on Turners Pond and that motorized boats are not allowed. He discussed weed control being a huge issue and the need to get it under control

Town Administrator Mr. Michael Boynton was present and discussed the need for the two boards to work together. The Ponds Committee need to come up with a plan the conservation commission will endorse and accept guidance and the technical knowledge the commission has to offer in making it work. Mr. Boynton discussed prioritizing a

dredging study for the ponds. Mr. Boynton discussed the Capital Budget approval for \$21,000, and that Clark's Pond is the first priority.

Mr. Goetz discussed that specific projects, including chemical applications to ponds require the need for a Notice of Intent filing.

Ponds committee member Cliff Snuffer discussed that direction is needed from the commission, but the ponds committee want to manage the ponds.

The board requested the Ponds Committee come back on April 13, 2011 to continue the discussion

## **MUNICIPAL WORK ORDER DEP# 315-683**

The commission discussed the work order which was submitted to clean up the Turners Lodge area. The work proposed includes fixing ruts in the parking lot, removing falling sticks and other debris. Hand tools and a bobcat would be used for this. The board had no issue with this.

## **CONT. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF INTENT HORSESHOE CIRCLE #4 DEP #315-968**

### **Opened: 7:50**

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. This hearing has been opened and continued at the request of the applicant.

David Klenert, of Collins Engineering was present representing the applicants, Mr. and Mrs. Rodia, who were also present. Revised plans dated March 16, 2011 were submitted to the commission

Mr. Klenert stated the pool house size and location have been slightly moved out of the wetlands. He also stated that instead of hemlocks, they have changed the plan to include (12) arborvitae trees to be planted. Mr. Klenert introduced a representative from Aquascape Pool Designs who stated the filter system being used is a cartridge system with no chlorine being used. The pool water will need to be pumped only once a year and will be neutralized prior to being pumped and discharged away from the isolated wetlands.

Mr. Klenert stated that they are also proposing the removal of a few trees

Ms. Hershey stated the plan needs to address the 25ft no disturb as the pool is located within. She suggested plantings for mitigation purposes

Mr. Turner asked about pumping into the sewer line

Mr. Klenert stated a 100 ft. hose towards the front of the house away from the wetlands would be used.

Ms. Dyer agreed mitigation within the 25ft. should be addressed

Mr. Goetz stated that as long as a filter system which doesn't leave chemicals in the water is being used there is no problem. The applicants should be required to come back to the commission if this system changes at any point. He stated it is good the pool house has been moved, and stated that the 25ft area is already disturbed as it is lawn. He suggested the applicants revise the use of chemicals they have been previously using to fertilize the lawn in the past and this could be a special condition

Mr. Wiley stated he feels silt sock should be used instead of filter fabric. He also agrees the change in fertilizer plan is a good one. Mr. Wiley stated that activity within the no-disturb zone was not in our Bylaw when this particular house was constructed. He feels that putting in plantings would be another good way to mitigate.

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 7-0-0**

**Closed: 8:15**

The commission discussed a standard Order of Conditions. The applicants have agreed to change their fertilizer procedure as a way of compensating for the two structures being allowed within the 25ft. no-disturb area. Arborvitaes (12) will be planted along the back of the property and erosion controls shall be in place

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 7-0-0**

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING**

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**

**PEACH ST #110**

**Opened: 8:20**

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement for this Cont. Public Hearing. Mr. Wiley stated that there continue to be outstanding monies owed the Town of Walpole and that until this has been resolved the hearing shall remain open.

Ms. Mary Trudeau, Environmental Consultant and Diane Siminelli of Field Resources, were present representing Brickstone Builders, the applicant. Revised plans dated March 18, 2011 were submitted to the office prior to the Public Hearing for Ms. Hershey to review, and were handed out to board.

Ms. Trudeau stated they have addressed the issues which the commission requested. The position of topography was added to the plan, the existing curb cut will be used, and erosion controls added. Ms. Trudeau stated that due to the time of year it is difficult to determine where the cesspool is. She stated that as work is progressing there is the possibility they may have to come back before the board with a request to modify the plans. She also stated a second retaining wall was added to the plan but is for decorative purposes only.

Ms. Hershey stated she has reviewed the revised plans that were submitted. She feels the issues the commission had have been addressed.

Mr. Goetz agreed with Ms. Hershey

Mr. Wiley stated the Hearing will be continued until the outstanding finance issue has been resolved

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until April 13, 2011 at 7:25**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 7-0-0**

## **MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2011**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Minutes for March 9, 2011**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 4-0-3 (Mr. Finnigan, Mr. Sparks and Mr. Wiley abstained)**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Adams discussed the Town is preparing a chapter 90 filing for road resurfacing and wanted to see if the road regrind materials could possibly be used on the fire roads within the Town Forest as they are in tough shape. The board discussed finding out the requirements and where relative to the wetlands would it be used in the Town Forest.

## **NEW MEMBER**

The commission welcomed Sean Sparks to the commission

## **APPEALS**

Frontier Dr. – Lot 18

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new regarding Frontier Dr.

## **ENFORCEMENT ORDERS**

South St. #400 – Ms. Hershey stated she is still waiting for plans to come from GLM addressing the area that is filled

Tanglewood Dr. #8 – Ms. Hershey stated a report is required in regards to the replication area and should be received in May/June

Deepwater Ln. #8 – Ms. Hershey stated this will be reviewed next month

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Ms. Hershey put together a parcel list of conservation land to the board and it was distributed amongst the board members for site visits

The Board Secretary submitted a memo to the commission to confirm her part-time weekly hours. It was agreed her 26 hour work week would be completed Monday-Thursday

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**The following was available for the commission to review:**

AMEC – 2011 Operational Plan for Right-of-Way management

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 7-0-0**

**Meeting closed: 10:00**