

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 2/9/11)

JANUARY 26, 2011

Present: A. Goetz
B. Dyer, R. Turner, D. Adams, J. Finnigan

Absent: J. Wiley

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

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING MBCR WEST ST. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEP# 315-966

Mr. Goetz read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. This Public Hearing was opened on November 10, 2010, and has been continued twice. Last continuance was due to the closing of Town Hall because of a snowstorm. All parties were notified of the cancellation.

Ms. Samantha Hard of TRC, and Engineer Dave Pettit, and Chris Ward were present representing the Mass Bay Commuter Railroad. Ms. Hard stated that a Hydrological Assessment was completed and submitted to the commission dated December 2010. The calculations were reviewed and agreed upon with the Town Engineer. Ms. Hard gave a brief overview of the proposed project for the benefit of new commission member Mr. Finnigan. She explained the culvert replacement was due to the present one being substandard. The existing culvert will be capped and the replacement located adjacent to it. Minor impacts would occur to the BVW, and contours to existing conditions will be restored. Ms. Hard stated a watershed analysis was completed and flood elevations would be reduced according to their calculations

Mr. Pettit and the commission discussed flood elevations and the study which was completed to determine flow rate. Mr. Pettit stated both Ms. Hershey and the Town Engineer had reviewed this.

Mr. Goetz stated he is pleased that many site visits took place by the applicant's representative and it is a good sign that the flooding issues may be solved. Mr. Goetz also

stated it is the responsibility of the railroad to inspect and maintain the culvert and this should be in the Order of Conditions

Ms. Dyer asked for more detail about the maintenance.

Mr. Ward explained that track inspections take place on a regular basis and that diver teams are also available if need be with issues which can't be taken care of from the ends of the culvert.

Mr. Turner stated his concerns with the increase of flow and the fact the area has drastically changed. He is concerned the proposed pipe may be too small and thinks there still may be a problem.

Mr. Adams asked if a program is in place for inspections on the downstream side and discussed clogging issues

Mr. Ward stated cleaning would take place as needed although it usually takes care of itself. He discussed track inspections that take place routinely.

Ms. Hershey stated that the applicant had satisfied both her and the Town Engineer's comments

Mr. Christopher Village, resident of Swan Pond Condominiums, asked questions regarding calculations and if a comprehensive study was completed.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Mr. Turner seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 7:40

The commission discussed special conditions to include the access roadway being restored with native vegetation within a year of the culvert completion, all debris shall be removed from the wetland area on a daily basis, and annual inspections of the culvert and after every major storm shall occur

Ms. Dyer made motion the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CONT. PUBLIC MEETING

HORSESHOE CIR. #4

DEP# 315-968

Opened: 7:50

Mr. Goetz read the advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. Goetz read into the record a letter which was received in the office dated January 12, 2011 from the applicant requesting a continuance of this Public Hearing until February 9, 2011.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until February 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Turner seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

MINUTES

DECEMBER 8, 2010

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes for December 8, 2010

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes for December 8, 2010

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

NORFOLK ST #252

DEP # 315-925

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

GRISTMILL LN #20

DEP #315-884

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

INDEPENDENCE DR. #11

DEP #315-345

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

**The commission discussed general business
Ponds Committee**

A general discussion took place regarding the Ponds Committee. Ms. Hershey informed the board that Mr. Turner has retired from the committee. The Board discussed the need for reports and a liaison to work with the commission. The commission discussed working on setting up a management plan.

Walpole Country Club

Ms. Hershey stated that on January 7, 2011 Attorney Watsky had requested to be put on the agenda to discuss revisions to the Walpole Country Club pond project. She stated that since that time they have decided they are not going to go forward with these proposed changes

Ms. Dyer made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00