

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 10/13/10)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

**Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
B. Dyer, R. Turner,**

Absent: Dick Adams

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

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
STONE ST. (CLARK'S POND)
DEP# 315-958**

Opened: 7:01

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Green cards were collected.

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Cliff Snuffer of the Pond's Committee was present along with Dan Ryan, and Dave Melish. Handouts titled "The Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts" were given to board members.

Mr. Snuffer stated the purpose of this filing is pond management for the removal of nuisance aquatic vegetation. Mr. Snuffer stated originally hydroraking was going to be used but the committee has decided a harvester may be a better solution. He discussed the process is more like cutting lawn, not digging into sediment of the pond. Mr. Snuffer stated rolling containers to put the weeds in would be hauled off site. Mr. Snuffer stated that originally this process was to be done in a timely manner, but now the spring of 2011 is the goal. He feels it makes sense to wait until that time. Mr. Snuffer showed photographs to the board with target areas. Erosion control measures, including the use of crushed stone in the access area will be in place. Mr. Snuffer explained that habitat would be protected by staking in the area so the harvester won't get to close. Water quality will

be monitored before, during and after the project is done. Mr. Snuffer discussed the Pond's Committee would welcome community involvement, including the possibility of High School environmental classes. He discussed the Pond's Committee is on a bare bones budget and plan to go before the Board of Selectmen regarding this.

Mr. Wiley asked if chemical treatments would be involved and Mr. Snuffer stated just aquatic management

Ms. Hershey stated chemical applications and lake-draw down should be included in the Order of Conditions for the management of the ponds so the applicants would not have to come back before the board if and when it was decided this was necessary. Other pond management Orders include these methods.

Mr. Goetz asked where the vegetation would go once removed from the ponds

Mr. Snuffer stated it would go to the Walpole compost facility

The commission discussed possible access areas to the pond as Mr. Snuffer stated they are unsure at this point of the best place. Mr. Goetz discussed that there is an access point on Lake Ave. that could be looked at.

Mr. Wiley asked for questions or comments from the audience

Ms. Mary Daly, Stone St. abutter, asked about fish and if they get trapped during the removal of the vegetation how could they be put back in the pond

Mr. Snuffer stated this is the least invasive measure, but it may be a good idea to have people spot the area

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Closed: 7:30

The board discussed special conditions:

The board discussed putting chemical treatments and lake draw-down in the Order of Conditions to cover all bases. If chemical treatments are going to be used plaquards shall be placed around on telephone poles to notify abutters. The commission shall be informed of any work being done per the local bylaw and state law

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
WASHINGTON ST. #112
315-959**

OPENED: 7:45

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times and Certificate of Mailings were collected

Mr. John Anderson, Anderson & Associates was present along with applicant Mr. Bob Kimball of Hollingsworth and Vose.

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Anderson presented aerial photographs of the site at 112 Washington St. to the board. Plans were submitted, "Limited Site Plan for parking lot expansion at Hollingsworth & Vose Co. 112 Washington St." dated 8/16/10. Mr. Anderson also brought in a smaller scale version of the plan to the board tonight.

Mr. Anderson stated this proposal is for the parking area expansion/reconstruction that will alter 11,500 s.f. within the 200 ft. riverfront area of the Neponset River. This filing also is for the removal of an existing building on site for this purpose. Mr. Anderson stated the parking lot does not meet zoning requirements and the total project will include 1100 s.f. of additional pavement. Mr. Anderson discussed drainage issues and stated there is the proposal for two infiltration trenches to be constructed to pick up sheetflow before going into the river. He stated swale and sediment trap detail is shown on the plan. Mr. Anderson stated erosion control measures including haybales surrounding the slope during construction will be in place.

Ms. Hershey stated everything looks ok but a long-term O&M plan is needed.

Mr. Kimball stated he has a contractor come in to sweep sand on an as-need basis, but nothing is in writing

Ms. Dyer asked about snow removal and where it ends up

Mr. Kimball stated the snow is trucked to a small area in the back of the site during large storms

Mr. Turner expressed concern about sand and snow getting into the Neponset.

Mr. Wiley asked if salt is used or a mixture and that another source should be looked into

Mr. Goetz stated we are mandated to deal with stormwater issues as best we can. He stated there is enough property to put the snow on so it won't go into the river. Mr. Goetz

agrees with Ms. Hershey that an O&M plan is needed and should be submitted prior to the issuance of an Order of Conditions

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Closed: 8:10

Special conditions were discussed. An O&M plan including sweeping and snow removal must be submitted and approved by the conservation agent prior to issuing an Order of Conditions

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

MAIN ST. #1901

ALLIED RECYCLING

DEP# 315-960

Opened: 8:15

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times and green cards were collected

Mr. Shane Oates, Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Inc. was present representing the applicants Michael & Ed Sciaba of Allied Recycling who were also present.

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

“Allied Recycling Center, Permitting Plans for Site Drainage Reconstruction”, dated 8/25/10 were presented to the board members by Mr. Oates, as well as a Stormwater Management report dated 8/25/10. Mr. Oates stated this filing is for the construction of a stormwater management system. He stated berms would be created, running along perimeters where sheet flow goes into the wetlands. These will be directed to two separate sediment forebays. The forebays will be cleaned of sediment by hand. Mr. Oates stated the second treatment is the construction of two separate stormceptor units which will treat runoff and include TSS removal. Mr. Oates discussed rate flow and stated test pits were completed in the two forebays. Mr. Oates stated erosion controls will be implemented as proposed activity is within close proximity to the BVW area. Mr. Oates stated they have an existing SWWP but wanted to go over things with the board before completing it. This will be updated and submitted to the commission.

Ms. Hershey state she would like more information on the forebays and more detail of the oil and grit separator

Mr. Oates stated the purpose of the forebay is only the first step for sedimentation containment and after that all water will be directed to the stormceptors where all the real TSS removal will occur. He stated they are sized to accommodate all of the volume

Ms. Hershey stated the need of an O&M plan and that bi-annual reports should be submitted. She also stated a copy of the wetland delineation report should be submitted to the board to be kept on file.

Mr. Turner discussed measures taken for overflow and the 100 yr. storm

Mr. Oates stated an overflow spillway is proposed for flow exceeding the 1 inch volume

Mr. Goetz stated he feels this is a start in the right direction and an improvement to the site.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing to October 13, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT
WALPOLE PARK SOUTH**

OPENED: 8:55

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for this Public Hearing which was continued from September 8, 2010.

Mr. Wiley read into the record new board comments received from the Town Engineer dated 9/2010, and Mr. Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering presented revised plans to the board dated 9/17/10 that meet the requirements and comments the commission gave the applicant at the last Public Hearing.

Mr. Merrikin Stated he has met with the Town Engineer, the Town Planner and Ms. Hershey and has implemented changes that have been requested of them. He gave the board a summary of compliance dated 9/22/10. Mr. Merrikin stated the Inter-lot easements for the stormwater share will be prepared with the O&M plan. Mr. Merrikin went through a check list of changes including showing orange snow fence along the limit of work, protection for new catch basins during construction, and the modification of the O&M plan with inspection of infiltration and stormceptors to be included in the Order of conditions and recorded. He also stated elevations have been put on detail sheets for the two underground leaching fields and test pit data has been showed on the plans.

Mr. Merrikin stated there shall be an annual report submission to the conservation commission. Mr. Merrikin stated that per the conservation agent's request a criteria of stabilization shall be set including erosion control blankets being used to stabilize the slopes, and once the utilities are installed and the walls and roof are up a binder coat pavement shall go on site and wall terraces shall be stabilized.

Ms. Hershey stated she is satisfied and has no issues with the revisions

Mr. Turner discussed the possibility of a fence being placed to surround the detention basis.

Mr. Goetz discussed the state-wide Bay Circuit Trail around the site and how it connects to Warner Trail over to Moosehill area, and the possibility of putting a path in around the perimeter of the site with the Town having a trail easement. He also stated a plaque could be put in place as a memorial to Jake Murphy.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Closed: 9:25

The commission discussed the inter-lot easement shall be referenced with the Land Disturbance Permit and will be recorded. The inclusion of the O & M plan shall be shall be a continuing condition.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a Land Disturbance Permit with conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

LAVENDER LN. #24

DEP# 315-804 and 315-948

Ms. Hershey stated she completed a site visit to Lavender Ln. and spoken with Rob Truax of GLM Engineering. The plantings have not been completed at this time so it was decided to hold off on the issuance of this Certificate.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

TANGLEWOOD DR. #8

Ms. Hershey stated the owners have half of the plantings completed at this time and are doing what they are supposed to do

CEDAR ST. #120

Ms. Hershey stated the plantings are in and the area looks good

WEST ST. #440

Ms. Hershey stated the owner has not begun the planting at this time.

DEEPWATER LN #8 (NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE)

Ms. Hershey stated she received a phone call regarding work being done in the backyard of this property. Ms. Hershey sent a notice of non-compliance to the owners and the work was stopped. She stated the owner is being cooperative and putting together a Notice of Intent to complete work.

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

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

Ms. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

WETLANDS ACCOUNT

Ms. Hershey discussed her request for approval of \$8,000 to be expended from the Wetland filing Account for additional hours for the Conservation Agent or Administrative Board Secretary. This will consist of no more than four (4) hours total per week, and would be used on an as-need basis. Ms. Hershey stated that the office has become more active at this time and the extra hours would help for the administration and technical review of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the additional four (4) hours per week on an as-need basis

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Once a signature is obtained from the Town Accountant a letter will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval

AGENDA'S

The commission discussed due to the new Open meeting law in effect, the conservation commission agenda's shall be closed at noon on the Thursday prior to a scheduled conservation meeting held the following Wednesday evening. With the exception of

correspondence for the review of the board, no other business shall be added to the Agenda.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the closing of the Agenda

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed and available for the review of the commission:

- **Lycott Environmental – Swan Pond Treatment**
- **Mass Wildlife News**
- **Action Environmental letter – 295 Union St.**

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting closed: 10:15