

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 9/8/10)

AUGUST 11, 2010

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman
A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
Dyer, R. Turner, D. Adams

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Absent: Pam Smith, Board Secretary

6:00 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Don Johnson, Town Planner and John Murtagh from the Planning Board joined members of the Conservation Commission. The Committee discussed Goals and Objectives.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OPENED: 7:00

The Conservation Agents Report was given to the Commissioners.

PUBLIC MEETING WASHINGTON ST. ROW PAVING PROJECT DETERMINATION FOR APPLICABILITY

Opened: 7:05

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

Mr. Wiley noted there were no comments to be read into the record

Mr. Charlie Quigley, Assistant Town Engineer was present to discuss the Washington St. paving project that is proposed. He stated this project is being filed as a Request for Determination in part because of available federal funding.

Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent explained that the work on the sidewalks was already approved under a separate Order of Conditions and this request was for roadway paving within the 100-foot buffer zone to BVW and 200-foot riverfront area only.

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

MISTY LN. LOT 15

DEP # 315-

Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent explained that the lot was ready for a Certificate of Compliance because the no alteration plaques were installed which was the remaining concern.

Jack Wiley, Chair asked if the Stormceptors located on the lot had been cleaned and maintained.

Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent stated that she didn't know and that there was no Condition in the Order regarding the Stormceptors.

Jack Wiley, Chair stated that there were stormceptors on the plan shown on lot 15. He recommended holding off on issuing the Certificate of Compliance until clarification on the maintenance of the stormceptors is reviewed.

The Commission took no additional action on the Certificate.

WINTER ESTATES SUBDIVISION

DEP# 315-889

Rick Merrikin of Merrikin Engineering represented the applicant in requesting a minor modification to the Winter Estates subdivision Plan (DEP 315-889).

Mr. Merrikin discuss how the detention basins are proposed to be modified to meet the 2008 revised stormwater management requirements by raising Basin A by 1.5 feet with a slight configuration change and Basin B bottom raised less than a foot to meet the 4-foot separation requirement. The commission received revised (July 23, 2010) drainage calculations showing changes. Mr. Merrikin stated these include recalculations of the drainage design to include new infiltration requirements, piping into the basins had to be raised, the shape of the basins were modified and drainage had to be recalculated.

Chairman Wiley stated that he believed that the changes were minor in nature however he would like the Town Engineer to review the revised calculations.

Attorney Phil Macchi II, Macchi and Macchi spoke regarding the new legislation recently voted by the State legislature allowing two year extensions for permits in existence from

Aug 15, 2008 to August 15, 2010. Mr. Macchi believes that this work make the issue a moot point.

Landis Hershey stated that she was aware of the legislature and was in contact with Town Council in regards to the matter.

Chairman Wiley put forward the vote to accept the changes as minor with the changes being shown on the As-built. Chairman also requested that the Town Engineer first review the revised calculation.

Mr. Goetz made the motion that the revisions are minor and that the changes need to be reflected on the As-built.
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

EXTENSIONS

Winter Estates Subdivision – DEP #315-889

The Commission took no action until the extension legislation can be confirmed with Town Council.

Wisteria Ways II – DEP 315-424

The Commission took no action until the extension legislation can be confirmed with Town Council.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

ASSURED COLLISION – 440 WEST ST.

Ms. Hershey stated the haybales have been installed, the area has been excavated and the planting plan has been submitted on time as requested by the conservation commission.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals have requested comments for the Walpole Park South project. The commission has no comments at this time. The Conservation Commission will here of the project on September 8, 2010 for a Land Disturbance Permit.

MINUTES

JULY 14, 2010

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the minutes for July 14, 2010

Mr. Turner seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed and available for the boards review

- MACC Newsletter
- MassDot Highway – Washington St. roadway/sidewalk improvements
- H & V drawdown – 112 Washington St.
- Lycott Environmental – Royal Crest Country Club treatment
- Lycott Environmental – Swan Pond Treatment management
- NSTAR ROW management
- AEGIS Engineering – Drainage Dye Testing – 500 Prov. Hwy
- Town Engineer – Annual Paving & Roadway maintenance

DISCUSSION

CLARKS POND

Members of the Ponds Committee and some abutters of the Pond came together for a discussion of the Pond and its current conditions.

Dan Ryan of the Ponds Committee discussed his conversations with the Town of Wellesley to rent their hydorraker to use at Clarks pond. He discussed the need to do something at the pond because the excessive smell and eutrophication occurring at the pond this summer.

Roger Turner of the Ponds Committee and the Conservation Commission discussed past methods and studies done on the pond. He discussed some of the pros and the cons of hydorraking and other management methods.

Betsy Dyer, Conservation Commissioner had no comments.

Al Goetz, Vice chair of the Conservation Commission, stated he was in favor of giving hydorraking a try because the pond was in such poor shape already. He wasn't sure what permits would be necessary.

Jack Wiley, Chair Conservation Commission stated that he didn't think that it would be a long term solution however he was open to consider it as a short time method to control current nuisance vegetation.

Cliff Snuffer, Abutter, stated that he would like to see the Town take care of the pond He suggested private funds to help.

William Carino, 341 Stone Street, abutter was concerned that there was a health issue with the smell of the pond.

Jack Wiley, Chair described the process of eutrophication.

David Lawrence, 349 Stone Street, abutter is concerned with the sediments and nitrogen getting into the pond. He would like to see something done to clean up the pond.

Jack Wiley discussed the disadvantages of chemical applications to the pond and discussed that maybe hydroraking was the best method at this time if funds were available to support this method.

Jack Wiley discussed going forward with submitting a NOI for pond management which could include hydroraking, draw down, and chemical applications.

MEETING CLOSED: 9:30