

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

(Approved September 12, 2012)

AUGUST 8, 2012

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

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

Absent: J. Finnigan

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

DISCUSSION

PONDS COMMITTEE

The commission scheduled a discussion with the Ponds Committee to review projects and goals the ponds committee would like to accomplish over the coming year. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Snuffer were present representing the committee.

One of the projects involves filing a Notice of Intent for proposed work at Memorial Pond. They discussed one of the goals is to complete a dredge study. They have approximately \$10,000 saved towards this at present but need another \$8,000- \$9,000. The committee would also like to clear vegetation on both sides of the bridge and also eventually put a pavilion up between the pond and baseball field.

At Cobbs Pond the committee is looking for a public access point to include roadway and parking, but they did say Memorial Pond is the priority right now.

At Clarks Pond the committee would like the area in front of the parking area from the picnic tables to the pond to be totally grass.

A discussion was held in response to Ms. Hershey's drafted Turners Pond Management Plan. Water levels and chemical treatments were discussed and protocol for emergency management of the water levels. It was discussed that the conservation commission has overall management of the Ponds but would like discussion and input from the ponds committee

**CONT. PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
NORTHRIDGE FARM
DEP#315-994
OPENED: 7:35**

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for this Continued Public Hearing.

Mr. John Glossa, Glossa Engineering was present representing the applicant Northridge Ventures, LLC. He stated a site visit was held on Saturday August 4, 2012 with commission members to look at the site. Mr. Glossa presented plans to the board with notes added per the last Public Hearing. Mr. Glossa stated the changes have not been made to the plan as of yet and the drainage has not been completed. Mr. Glossa stated he would suggest the hearing be continued until the plans are complete. He stated a narrative shall be submitted with a description of the 36 ft. culvert located at the crossing, an O&M plan will be included and a staging area. Mr. Glossa stated the detention basin will be split into three smaller basins per the commission's concerns with stormwater management of bacteria. He spoke about infiltration and the bottom of the basins being grassy as it will need little maintenance and be aesthetically more pleasing than a large basin. Mr. Glossa also discussed the replication area and how it is no longer abutting the drainage ditch, but closer to the wetlands now. He stated this will be put on the plan. Mr. Glossa stated they located the 6 inch PVC pipe as discussed in the last meeting and will show it on the plan. He stated the plan is to plug the pipe on both ends and abandon it. Mr. Glossa also stated that per a court order, Northridge Farm Ventures LLC is responsible for raising the existing building on the site. He stated if the commission wishes it could be a separate filing, but would like to know if it could this be included as part of this filing. He also stated they are not prepping the whole lot as they do not own it. He will put notes on the plan describing what they are doing.

Ms. Hershey asked that some documentation be shown with regards to this, as it is not owned by the applicant.

Mr. Glossa stated the 25ft. and 100 ft. lines will be added to the plan as will the intermittent stream that comes from Buckboard Dr.

Mr. Wiley stated the hearing should be continued once all the information is included on the revised plans, and drainage has been completed.

Mr. Chuck Hede, 7 Buckboard Dr., asked about the overflow area and his concerns about the impact on abutters. He also asked if the trucks would be staged on site and the trucking route. He also had concerns about dust from the site

Mr. Wiley stated that would be a planning board issue

Ms. Hershey asked if detail regarding stormwater would be submitted. She discussed the need for scheduling mowing in the retention area and it should be discussed with the agent and put in the Operation and Maintenance plan.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until September 12, 2012 at 8:00 pm

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

OLD TOWN RD. #33

DEP # 315-737

Mr. Dan Merrikin stated that there was an Order of Conditions issued in 2001, and it has expired. Work that was not included on the original plan was completed and he presented plans to the board showing the changes made. Mr. Merrikin stated the original wetland delineation was too conservative and was recently re-delineated. As the work was already completed and the resource area unaltered, he is requesting the board issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

STONE ST. #341

DEP# 315-945

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: -6-0-0

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July 11, 2012

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and accept the Minutes for July 11, 2012

Mr. Turner seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-1 (Mr. Adams abstained)

OTHER BUSINESS

CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

The commission discussed the possibility of requesting monies from the Capital Budget for work that needs to be done, including Dam work and dredging of three ponds. The

memo received from administration stated only emergency items should be requested. The commission agrees that these issues do need to be addressed, but do not warrant an emergency request.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board is requesting comments on the following filings:

Off Old Post Rd. – This is for a Definitive Subdivision and is not in the conservation commission's jurisdiction. The board did state that if more than 40,000 sq. feet is proposing to be disturbed they need to file a Land Disturbance Permit.

Iorio Arena – This filing is for a special permit. Ms. Hershey will review it and get comments to the Planning Board

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Main St. (Triton car wash) – Ms. Hershey stated they have been following all requests by the commission in a timely fashion, and have submitted what has been done periodically. One last item is needed before vacating the Enforcement order. An O&M plan needs to be submitted.

South St. #400 – Ms. Hershey stated this is status quo. In the Fall she would like to see confirmation of how the restoration area looks

APPEALS

Frontier Dr. Lot 18 – Ms. Hershey stated there has been no correspondence on the appeal

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

- Swan Ponds – Treatment notification (Lycott Environmental)
- AMEC report – 100 Neponset St.
- GES Environmental Sampling – 750 Main St.
- MACC Newsletter
- Attorney letter – Notice of Intent to sell land on North St. (Buttimer Family Trust)
- Comparison Filing fees
- Lycott Environmental – Treatment at Rainbow Pond
- Walpole Country Club – Treatment at Allen Pond

Mr. Goetz made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00 p.m.