

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 6/9/10)

MAY 26, 2010

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

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

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

CONT. PUBLIC MEETING WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Opened: 7:05

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. Jim DeVellis, of DeVellis Zrein, Inc. provided the commission with handouts showing the sedimentation basin with notes to be included on the final plan. He stated the Planning Board has already approved the site plan. Erosion control details were discussed, notes to the contractor were included stating any changes need to come before the commission for approval.

Mr. DeVellis stated that he has discussed with Ms. Hershey placing an interpretive sign program implemented in the courtyard. He stated indicator signs will be designed to provide a clear understanding that the area is a stormwater management mitigation area.

Ms. Hershey stated she feels the signage is a great opportunity and way to educate the public. She also discussed the basin needs to be cleaned out properly post construction.

Mr. Turner discussed concerns about flooding on School St.

Mr. DeVellis stated the site was analyzed and the Town Engineer has reviewed the area and the site plan has been approved by the Planning Board. He does not believe there will be much difference with the water issues, but it should decrease.

Mr. Goetz stated he has no other issues with this project. He feels we have responsibility on town projects to set an example on what is correct when it comes to managing stormwater

Mr. Wiley asked if there were questions from the audience

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed 7:20

The commission discussed special conditions regarding the signage in the rain garden area.

Mr. Goetz made motion to approve and issue a Land Disturbance Permit

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

STONE FIELD

Mr. Jim Johnson, Assist. Town Administrator, Bob Conrad, of Walpole Youth Football program, and Drew Hand, Acting Superintendant of Highway/Parks Dept. were present to discuss proposed work to be done at the Stone ball field, along with Bob O'Brien, DPW director

The commission requested this discussion due to lack of communication over what activities should and can be done under the Town General Maintenance Order of Conditions. Mr. Wiley stated the commission would like clarification of what the proposed work in the area will be.

Mr. Conrad discussed that seeding and aerating will occur on the ballfield. He stated they are also hoping to construct a shed, but no concession stands, bathrooms etc are being proposed.

Mr. Johnson stated they are discussing putting benches in the area and a foot bridge eventually to make it more of a park, and beautify the area. He stated the work on the field is not just being done for the football team, but for other teams to practice as well.

Mr. Conrad stated the landscaping has been donated and the goal is for the beautification of stone field.

Mr. Wiley discussed the Rivers Act and the buffer zone and stated the commission needs to be informed and included in work that is proposed to be done.

Ms. Hershey discussed the need to discuss specifics to see if proposed work falls under the jurisdiction of the Walpole Wetlands Protection Act and the local bylaw as well. The board needs to discuss how they want her, as the agent, to direct.

Mr. Bob O'Brien, the DPW director agrees they need to have better communication with the conservation commission.

A discussion of possible fencing was discussed as well as the problem with the geese on Stone Field. The commission discussed fertilizers to be used on the field. The board also discussed the cleaning of the brook and ways to keep debris from getting in the culvert

OTHER BUSINESS

HANCOCK CT. LOT 4 DEP# 315-813

Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Sullivan Concrete, came in to discuss the proposal for a minor modification of the plan on Lot 4 Hancock Ct. Mr. Sullivan wants to be able to bring more yard/grass area on Lot 4 which will be closer to the 25ft. buffer area and relocation of the no-alteration plaques. He stated this house is not built as of yet.

The board looked over the plans and asked Mr. Sullivan to bring in a revised plan showing the changes discussed. The board also suggested that Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Hershey go to the site and work together on these changes

EXTENSIONS

GRISTMILL LN. LOT 17 DEP # 315-896

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

GRISTMILL LN. LOT 22 DEP# 315-901

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

COBBS POND DEP# 315-709

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

TURNERS POND
DEP# 315-634

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a one-year extension
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

WINTER ESTATES SUBDIVISION
DEP# 315-889

Ms. Hershey stated she has spoken with Merrikin Engineering and they are working on it.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

GRISTMILL LN. LOT 16
DEP# 315-895

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

GRISTMILL LN. LOT 20
DEP# 315-899

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Certificate of Compliance
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0

ENFORCEMENTS

Tanglewood Dr. #8, Cedar St. #120, West St. #440

Ms. Hershey stated the three properties with Enforcement issues have had no activity as of yet. She stated that West St. was supposed to have filed a Notice of Intent to be put on the agenda for our next meeting on June 9th, and they did not. She will be sending a letter to the owner.

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2010

Ms. Dyer made motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2010
Mr. Adams seconded the motion

NEW BUSINESS

Home at Swan Pond Condominiums Flooding issues.

Ms. Hershey stated that a letter was received on May 14, 2010 from the Board of Trustees of Swan Pond asking for help to resolve the flooding issues in this area. The board discussed responding back to the trustees the suggestion they to go back to the engineers who designed the stormwater system through their property and come up with a solution. Any improvements would require filing with the conservation commission

Mr. Wiley discussed the Town Engineer should review this as well.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

- NSTAR – Herbicide treatment
- Lycott Environmental – Treatment of Swan Pond per DEP# 315-242
- Frontier Dr., Lot 18 Record of Proceeding from Kopelman & Paige

MEETING CLOSED: 9:30