

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 6/13/12)

MAY 23, 21012

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

B. Dyer, R. Turner, D. Adams

Absent: J. Finnigan, S. Sparks

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

MEETING OPENED: 7:00

PUBLIC HEARING

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF AREA RESOURCE DELINIATION

LEAGUE SCHOOL

DEP# 315-991

Opened: 7:05

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Certificates of mailing were given

Mr. Wiley read Board comments into the record

Dr. John Rockwood, Environmental Scientist from EcoTech was present representing the applicant. He stated the property at the League School has been delineated on a couple occasions over the winter months, but he went back in April as well. Plans entitled "Existing Conditions plan at 300 Providence Hwy" and dated 4/19/12 were presented to the board for review. Dr. Rockwood stated there were no comments from DEP and a number was issued. He stated the 100 ft. buffer zone with BVW has been shown accurately on the plan, and the 100 yr. floodplain on the site is a mapped FEMA Zone A. Dr. Rockwood stated that FEMA is working on new maps and if a current one is issued it will be used. Stream stat analysis is also shown in the filing.

Ms. Hershey stated she has walked the site with Dr. Rockwood and she felt nothing had changed since the last filing. She stated she had no issues with the BVW, isolated wetlands or any other resource area out there.

Mr. Turner spoke about the culvert under Rte. One and the outlet into Traphole Brook.

Ms. Dyer asked about the purpose of this filing

Dr. Rockwood stated it is to determine legally what are wetlands on the site in order to help them design correctly and know what they can and cannot do.

Mr. Goetz asked if the wetland line is similar to what was generated when the school was built and asked if the development of the site has changed the hydrology in a significant way. He also stated he liked the process of getting the wetland issues looked at in this manner prior to starting a project.

Dr. Rockwood stated there have only been marginal changes

Mr. Wiley asked if the walking paths were still in good shape and maintained.

Ms. Hershey asked about a turn-around area and if it was wider than before

Mr. Michael Sullivan, Facilities Manager stated there had been a rotted tree that had to come down. He stated wood chips were spread around the area and it made the area appear larger. He stated the walking paths are well maintained

The commission discussed the planting of blueberry bushes or something similar in that area.

Mr. Turner asked the applicants to watch for water issues

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Closed: 7:30

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the delineation as presented

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

SOUTH ST. #400 (SOUTHRIDGE FARM)

DEP # 315-987

Opened: 7:32

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times.

Mr. Wiley read a letter dated May 23, 2012 from the applicant's representative Mr. Rob Truax, GLM Engineering. Mr. Truax is requesting a continuance of this Public Hearing as revised plans have not been reviewed in full by the Town Engineer.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until June 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

OTHER BUSINESS

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The conservation commission discussed reorganization of the board

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the reorganization of the Board with Mr. Wiley as Chairman

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Wiley abstained)

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the reorganization of the Board with Mr. Goetz as Vice Chairman

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Goetz abstained)

GENERAL BUSINESS

TURNERS POND

The commission discussed the fact that the gate is still not up at Turners Pond. Ms. Hershey also discussed the Bob LeBlanc is in the process of having signs made for the gate and dam as well. The commission discussed looking into the possibility of using a gate that is in the DPW yard at Turners Pond.

BUTTIMERS PROPERTY

Mr. Wiley gave an update on Buttimers Property. He stated that any intent of purchasing this property is no longer viable. The latest proposal was that only a portion of the 74 acres would be used for conservation and agriculture purposes and this was not satisfactory to the anonymous donor. It appears the land will now be up for development. The commission discussed the fact they were originally going to donate some of the monies in the conservation fund for the purchase of the property. The board discussed comprising a list of ways to use some of these funds to improve and make conservation areas in town attractive for public use.

ATLANTIC CT.

Ms. Hershey stated she sent a letter to Mr. Viano with comments from Town Counsel regarding revisions necessary for the Deed to be signed. A letter from Mr. Viano dated May 21, 2012 with comments was received back. Once these comments are reviewed and direction from Town Counsel is given, the commission will sign the Deed at their next available meeting and can accept the gift of land known as Lot 5, Atlantic Ct. Extension

ROUTE 1A STUDY GROUP

Mr. Adams stated he is a part of a study group put together by Board of Selectmen and have had three meetings so far. The Route 1A group is discussing the possibility of using the area of Goldie's as a solar farm. He explained it is all preliminary as it would cost the town money to do this. He spoke about the necessity of extending the sewer line down Production Rd. and connecting with Industrial Rd. Mr. Adams will keep the commission informed. Mr. Turner and Ms. Dyer are also involved in study groups for different areas of town as well.

EXTENSIONS

COBBS POND DEP# 315-709

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension for Cobbs Pond
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0**

TURNERS POND (VEG. MGT.) DEP# 315-634

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue a one-year extension for Turners Pond Veg.
Mgt.
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 5-0-0**

The commission discussed they would like to see a pond assessment completed since this has not been done since the late 90's. Pre-treatment reports showing the status of the ponds need to be submitted to the commission prior to anything being done.

MINUTES

May 9, 2012

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve the Minutes for May 9, 2012
Ms. Dyer seconded the motion
Vote: 3-0-2 (Mr. Adams and Mr. Turner abstained)**

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey stated everything is status quo on the current Enforcement Orders

Main St. (Triton Car Wash)
South St. #400
Trails Subdivision

APPEALS

Ms. Hershey reported there has been no correspondence regarding Lot 18 Frontier Dr.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Planning Board is requesting comments on 546 Fisher St. (Swan Meadows) a 2-lot subdivision

After reviewing the submitted plan the commission feels the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability is necessary due to the proximity to the resource area which falls under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act and Walpole Wetlands Bylaw. The board also discussed if over 40,000 s.ft. of land is being disturbed a permit will be required for this as well

Ms. Dyer made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00