

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
(Approved 7/8/15)**

**JUNE 24, 2015**

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

- A. Goetz, Vice Chairman
- B. Dyer, E. DiVirgilio (7:04)
- R. Turner, K. Watson

Absent: J. Finnigan

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

The Conservation Agent report was given to the Board. New member Kathleen Watson was welcomed to the commission.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

**DAY LILY LN.  
LOT 28  
DEP# 315-1071**

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

Mr. DiVirgilio arrived to the meeting (7:04)

**PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF INTENT  
TRAFALGAR LN. #11  
DEP# 315-1089**

**Opened: 7:06**

Mr. Wiley read advertisement from the Walpole Times

Green cards were collected

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering was present representing the applicant. Plans were submitted entitled "11 Trafalgar Ln. Site Plan of Land in Walpole MA" dated 6/8/15

Mr. Merrikin stated there was an Order of Conditions issued years ago for the existing house, yard and pool. The applicant would like to now construct a two car garage addition in an area which is currently a paved driveway. The side-load garage will be changed to a front garage and a new driveway area is proposed across the front lawn providing access to the newly configured existing garage. No alteration plaques are already in place, and erosion controls will be placed around the downhill side of the area.

Mr. DiVirgilio asked about excavation and stated there should be no stockpiling

Mr. Merrikin stated there will be excavation to put the garage in the driveway area. Erosion controls will be around the downhill side of area.

Mr. Goetz would like to know what will happen to the existing roof recharge area

Mr. Merrikin stated a new chamber will be added and the existing chamber will be reused and relocated.

Mr. Wiley discussed erosion controls to include straw wattles, and street cleaning as necessary. He stated he would like to see the plastic structure for the existing roof drain removed and not abandoned

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**Closed: 7:10**

The commission discussed boiler plate conditions including street cleaning

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

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

## **MINUTES**

**JUNE 10, 2015**

**Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to approve the Minutes for June 10, 2015**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 5-0-1 (Ms. Watson abstained)**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **NOTICE OF INTENT**

**ELM ST. #305**

**DEP# 315-1090**

**Opened: 7:15**

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

Mr. Wiley read Board comments into the record

Applicant and owner Tahla Algur was present. He presented plans entitled "Proposed Additions Plan of Land in the Town of Walpole at 305 Elm St." dated 2/27/15. Mr. Algur stated he would like to construct a master bedroom addition and enlargement of a living room and kitchen. He stated he had gone before the ZBA for a variance and was denied due to the location of the addition and its proximity to the street. He stated he has since changed the layout going towards the back of the house.

Ms. Hershey stated the new location is within the buffer so the applicant was advised to file a Notice. She stated they will only be excavating down four feet for the frost wall, and there is no impact to the BVW around the pond.

Mr. Algur discussed he will use a dumpster in his large horseshoe –shaped driveway for debris

Mr. DiVirgilio stated instead of haybales, straw wattles should be used.

Mr. Goetz asked about the removal of excavation. He stated he would like the erosion controls to go over to the property line and wrap around.

Mr. Algur will be using the driveway for both storage and access. Materials will be spread around or removed

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**Closed: 7:26**

The commission discussed special conditions to include changing the haybales to straw wattles, and extending the erosion controls to the property line on the East side and wrapping around. Silt fence shall also be extended.

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

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**CONEY ST. #333**

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION**

**OPENED: 7:30**

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

Mr. Wiley read Board comments into the record

Ian Cooke, of Neponset River Watershed Association and Margaret Kearns of Corona Environmental Consulting Group were present to discuss activity plans proposed for Traphole Brook. They discussed dams which have been located in the river system, and the problems they can cause. They would like to decommission some of them and would like to restore fish passage through the site of a low boulder

barrier. This is located on Siemens property. Mr. Cooke discussed the trout population in Traphole Brook is the most healthy in Greater Boston

Ms. Kearns discussed finding an old road crossing and low boulder barriers. Lower waters make passage difficult and they would like to shift or remove a few of the boulders to improve this.

Ms. Hershey stated if the work is done by hand there will be no real impact to the stream. She stated it could be done under a low flow season

Ms. Kearns stated the plan is no machinery and using the many volunteers they have who are excited to be a part of this.

Mr. Cooke stated people from Mosquito Control may be involved as well. He also stated this is being looked at like a baby step. By keeping it simple, they can keep coming back to tweak it

Mr. Turner expressed his concern with silting at Traphole Brook. He discussed Union St. and low water issues. He stated he wishes it were a brook restoration project

Mr. Cooke stated they are a small non-profit and supported by donations.

Ms. Dyer stated she cares about Traphole Brook. She feels a better map showing tributaries would be appropriate as it is between Barberry and Siemens. She asked if there would be any visible effect or change anyone will notice as respect to flow

Ms. Kearns stated there should be no change of flow, but may have more silt movement

Mr. Goetz stated he is a supporter, but would suggest Mosquito Control work with them as they could be a big help and have the right equipment.

Mr. Wiley asked about access, and the cart path

Mr. Cooke stated it is more of a footpath now as it is not maintained but it is easy to move around in.

The applicants will provide the commission with a better map prior to issuance

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote 6-0-0**

**Closed: 7:53**

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 2 Determination**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

## **ENFORCEMENT ORDERS**

**Industrial Rd. #33** – Ms. Hershey stated they will be providing her with a status report shortly.

### **South St. #120 – Status Quo**

**Main St. #1900** (Supa Sales and Services) – Ms. Hershey and Mr. Wiley went out to the site to review the area as the applicant has not been in compliance to the Order of Conditions that was issued in March 2014, and she reported there is continued violations occurring. The commission reviewed photographs provided by Ms. Hershey which show clearing on the property, and possibly on Town Property as well. The commissioners directed Ms. Hershey to send out a Cease and Desist, and Enforcement Order. She will note the specific special conditions in the Order of Conditions which need to come into compliance, and include the report from Prime Engineering which refers to special condition #22. By July 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Santos needs to come into compliance with the special conditions, specifically the restoration program. No other work shall take place without direction from the conservation commissions. Under the Town Bylaw fines can be implemented

**Mr. Goetz made the motion to issue and Enforcement Order for 1900 Main St.**

**Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

The commission discussed reaching out to Town Council on how to proceed with the issues

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

**Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to nominate Mr. Jack Wiley as Chairman of the Conservation Commission**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**Mr. Wiley made the motion to nominate Mr. Al Goetz as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission**

**Ms. Dyer seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

Ms. Watson discussed ATV activity in her neighborhood and behind Johnson Middle School, and asked if the commission could put some signage up in specific areas to deter them. Ms. Hershey will speak with the DPW and ask they help with this. The signs shall state no motorized vehicles are allowed

Correspondence was discussed and available for review

**Mr. DiVirgilio made the motion to adjourn**

**Mr. Goetz seconded the motion**

**Vote: 6-0-0**

**Meeting Closed: 9:00**