

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES (Approved 4/9/14)

MARCH 26, 2014

Present: J. Wiley, Chair

A. Goetz, Vice Chair

B. Dyer, E. DiVirgilio, R. Turner, J. Finnigan

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to the board

MEETING OPENED:

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

MAIN ST. #564 (RFCU)

DEP # 315-1050

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. The hearing was opened February 26, 2014 and continued until this evening.

Revised plans were submitted to the commission on March 21, 2014 entitled "564 Main St. Plan of Land in Walpole MA" revised March 20, 2014.

Mr. Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, was present as well as Greg Salvatore. Mr. Merrikin dropped off additional revisions this afternoon to the office, but Ms. Hershey has been unable to review them. Mr. Merrikin also submitted a revision letter addressing concerns and comments from the Town Engineer and Conservation commission dated March 20, 2014

Mr. Merrikin stated he has met with both the Town Engineer and Conservation Agent to address comments from the last Public Hearing. Mr. Merrikin stated details have been added to the plans including the addition of catch basin. Watershed plans have been provided to the Town Engineer as well. Mr. Merrikin stated changes on the revised plans are minor. Mr. Merrikin also stated that he has walked the area with Ms. Hershey and has added a proposed Trail to the plan which is located behind the Credit Union Building and can be extended out to conservation owned land. A sign can be erected stating as such, with Ms. Hershey's direction

Ms. Hershey stated she has been on the site also with Russ Waldron of Applied Ecological Sciences and the wetland line looked accurate. She also stated she has gone over the stormwater calculations and stormwater management with the Town Engineer.

Mr. Turner stated he was sad to see the stonewall go. He also stated concerns with sand and salt going in the wetland.

Mr. Merrikin stated there are two pre-treatment basins to take care of those issues

Mr. Goetz discussed flood elevations and concern for potential water issues and Mr. Merrikin assured him the lot is at an elevation where this will not propose an issue
Mr. Wiley asked for questions or concerns from the audience

Ms. Dyer made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Closed: 7:08

Special conditions include the Stormwater O&M plan be part of the Order of Conditions, Disturbed areas shall be stabilized within 14 days of final grade, landscape maintenance materials shall be removed from site and disposed of, erosion controls shall be installed prior to demolition and updated for construction phase if needed, sediments shall not be tracked onto Main St. Signage and access to a trail leading to Conservation land shall be included in the plan

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

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

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION

NORTH ST.

DEP #315-1041

Opened: 7:11

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. This hearing was opened December 11, 2013 and has been continued twice.

Mr. Tom Liddy of Lucas Environmental was present representing the applicant. Mr. Liddy stated there has been progress and stated the third party review has been completed. He stated they are in the process of preparing a revised plan to submit to the commission for review of their findings. As part of the review, the replication area was looked at as well and remedies were discussed.

Mr. Wiley stated the commission would like to hear a presentation from EcoTech at the next meeting, April 9, 2014. Once the commissioners hear the report and review the plans from the third party review, a site visit for them should occur.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to continue the Public Hearing until April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

PUBLIC MEETING

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION

BUBBLING BROOK RD. #28

Opened: 7:26

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. John Glossa, of Glossa Engineering was present representing. Plans were submitted entitled 28 Bubbling Brook Road On-Site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Plan of Land in Walpole MA “dated February 18, 2014

Mr. Wiley read board comments read into the record

Mr. Glossa presented plans discussing the replacement of a failed septic. Mr. Glossa stated this is a ledge lot, and because of this he felt it was to risky to replace the system in the existing area it is now. Mr. Glossa showed the commission where the old system was located. Mr. Glossa stated numerous test pits were completed and the location was determined. Mr. Glossa stated the need to work within the wetlands because of ledge, and he is unable to slide the location over to the driveway because an irrigation well system was constructed there. He is requesting a negative determination under the state regulation with conditions to include erosion controls in place, and the area stabilized, loam and seeded after construction. Mr. Glossa stated excavated materials will be brought offsite as well

Ms. Hershey gave a printout of Wetland Regulations to the board members regarding Subsurface Disposal Systems. She stated the applicant still needs to provide the board with information showing there is no other alternative to locate the system further away from the wetland line. Ms. Hershey also stated she wants to see the wetland line located on the plan and documentation of how it was flagged and by whom. In the future, more information needs to be in the filing of a Determination

Mr. Glossa stated he has DEP data sheets and will get it to the conservation agent.

Mr. Finnigan discussed questions regarding the regulations

Mr. DiVirgilio discussed alternative locations for the septic to go

Mr. Glossa stated there really was no other alternative in location of the septic

Mr. Goetz discussed the concern that the location of silt control allows for enough space for work to occur.

Mr. Glossa stated there should be enough space and all fill will be removed

After discussion, the board agreed that a Notice of Intent should have been filed, but due to the nature of the emergency of having a failed system they will agree to this Determination. In the future they would like to see more Notices filed for failed septic systems if appropriate rather than just a Determination of Applicability

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Closed: 8:08

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Special conditions were discussed including documentation of the wetland line shown on the plan, the Erosion control line shall be inspected prior to construction and shall be pulled up to the street line, more erosion controls shall be added if necessary as directed by the conservation agent. Fill shall be removed from site, and disturbed area stabilized

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2014

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes for March 12, 2014

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

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

BOARD COMMENTS

ZBA -Lorusso Rd – Ms. Hershey stated there are no conservation issues

Municipal Work Order – DEP# 315-683 – Ms. Hershey stated a work order was submitted to the office for the cutting back of invasive plant brush located along Spring Brook located near Stone Field and Town Hall. Debris was cleaned out at the headwall of the book culverts

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

Ms. Hershey stated there is nothing new to report on West St. Parking Lot, 33 Industrial Rd or 16 AppleTree Lane at this time

The following Correspondence was discussed and available for the board to review

- GEC Letter – Immediate Response Action Completion report -654 and 656 North St.
- Conservation Agent – Moosehill Site Walk Report
- Letter to BOS re: Neighbors Moosehill Rd. environmental concerns

Mr. DiVirgilio voted to adjourn

Mr. Goetz seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting Closed: 9:00