

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(Approved 6/8/16)**

MINUTES

MAY 11, 2016

Present: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

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

Absent: K. Watson

Also Present: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to members

Please note this meeting is televised. For additional information log into walpolemedia.tv

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY
WASHINGTON ST. #112 (HOLLINGSWORTH & VOSE)**

OPENED: 7:04

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Mike Baumann, site manager of Hollingsworth and Vose was present with Kathy Puff, Environmental and safety manager.

Mr. Baumann stated while working inside the facility rebuilding a machine, they ran into water damage in the walls. The applicant decided it would be in their best interest to replace the whole wall. Mr. Baumann stated the majority of the work will be done inside the actual room. He stated they are proposing outside to have a platform structure in place over the spillway located approximately 8 ft. back from the wall. Mr. Baumann also stated that maintenance –free materials will be used on the outside.

Ms. Hershey stated a Request for Determination was filed under the Wetlands Protection Act. This structure existed in 1996 and is part of a Historic Mill Complex. A provision was made that there will be no impact to the river, therefore under 10.58(6) K, this project is exempt from the riverfront area. She stated she doesn't see any alterations to the riverfront.

Mr. DiVirgilio reviewed the photos submitted in the filing and asked clarification where the work will be done.

Mr. Baumann showed the area and reiterated that a platform and structure will be in place to catch, control and contain any debris that could possibly go into the river

Mr. Turner stated he feels they have addressed any problems of debris getting into the river which was a concern to him

Mr. Goetz stated the issue of debris falling in the river was addressed, and he was glad this project is being done under controlled conditions. He looks at this as a maintenance project which is long overdue and has no objections

Mr. Wiley asked who would supervise

Mr. Baumann stated a project engineer, but H&V will supervise all contractors and he will be involved.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Meeting

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Closed: 7:11

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue a Negative 5 Determination

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2016

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes for April 27, 2016

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

APPEAL

MOOSEHILL RD. #272

Ms. Hershey stated a Pre-hearing has been set for May 23, 2016 and a Notice of Claim for an Adjudicatory Appeal as well will take place in August. Ms. Hershey will attend and keep the board advised

ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD – PROPOSED GAS LINE

Ms. Hershey discussed she went to a Public Hearing earlier this week regarding the proposed Gas line. The siting board took in comments at that time but advised if anyone wanted to submit comments they have until May 20, 2016. The commission members discussed this pipeline could be going through the wetlands, and their concern with crossing Town owned land and Article 97 Land. Concerns with the Town Forest, river crossings and Town water supply were also discussed. A letter will be composed and sent.

BOARD COMMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Verizon Wireless Utility Pole antenna installations - located on Main St, Baker St. and Common St. – The commission stated they have no comment on these filings

Zoning Board of Appeals – 49 Morningside Dr. – the commission has no comments on this filing

ENFORCEMENT ORDER PRODUCTION RD.

Ms. Hershey stated she would like to discuss this when the owner is available to come to the meeting, as he had a prior commitment this evening. The MassDEP Wetland Change Database has flagged there is a wetland change on this project site. Ms. Hershey had reviewed aeriels on google earth and would like to discuss in detail when Mr. DiSangro comes in to the June 8, 2016 meeting

NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE NORTHRIDGE FARM SUBDIVISION DEP# 315-994

Ms. Hershey stated she still has not heard from Mr. Glossa regarding issues with the retention basin which is not working properly at Northridge Farm Subdivision. He was given a deadline to submit information and has missed this. After discussion the commission would like the applicant and/or Mr. Glossa to come to the next meeting. Plans need to be submitted the Monday prior to the conservation commission's next meeting. The commission would also like As-built of the basins as this is now a requirement of DEP. A letter will be sent to the applicant and John Glossa.

Ms. Dyer made the motion if no information is submitted to the conservation agent by June 6th; fines of \$300 per day per violation will be instituted.

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

MAY 25, 2016 MEETING

The commission discussed that no filings have been submitted for the next meeting scheduled for May 25, 2016

Mr. Goetz made the motion to cancel the next conservation meeting scheduled for May 25, 2016

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER MAIN ST #1900 DEP# 315-1043

The commission discussed the outstanding Enforcement Order against 1900 Main St. and how to proceed. They discussed pursuing whether the Finance Dept. has found the funds to survey the property which is Town owned and abuts 1900 Main. Ms. Hershey discussed her understanding was the Title is muddy and being reviewed, and she will check the status on this.

The commission discussed the main issue is that Mr. Santos has filled in Wetlands and not filed. There are piles of Fill and woodchips located on the berm along the edge of the wetlands.

The commission would like a letter to be sent to Mr. Santos which either needs a response in writing or he needs to show up at the next meeting scheduled for June 8' 2016

OTHER BUSINESS

RFCU TRAIL

Ms. Hershey stated the work is nearly complete at Rockland Federal Credit Union. She has been working with the contractor to site the trail from the Credit Union property to Conservation Land adjacent to Cobbs Pond. She would like to work with the Trails Committee, and has reached out to Gary Riggott to clean up the area and possibly put a bench there. The commission has \$750 in the budget under Land Maintenance which she would like to be used towards this project. Mr. Goetz discussed the area across from Stop and Shop and would like Ms. Hershey to speak with Public Works about cleaning up the invasives in that area as it looks terrible

Mr. Turner spoke about the possibility of cleaning the trail around Cobbs Pond as well

Ms. Dyer made the motion to adjourn

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-0

Meeting closed: 8:15