

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

(Approved 12/11/13)

NOVEMBER 13, 2013

PRESENT: J. Wiley, Chairman

A. Goetz, Vice Chairman

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

ALSO PRESENT: L. Hershey, Conservation Agent

Conservation Agent report given to the board

MEETING OPENED: 6:45

DISCUSSION

TOWN FOREST

Mr. Dick Adams, representing the Town Forest Committee, discussed the Timber Stand Improvement Cut. The commission discussed that a Forest Cutting Plan should be submitted for review. Mr. Adams discussed areas have been reviewed and a Public walk will occur on November 23rd.

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB (AMENDMENT)

DEP# 315-839

OPENED: 7:00

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times. Mr. Wiley stated this Public Hearing was opened in July and has been continued a few times.

Mr. Mark Gagne, Golf Course supervisor, and wetland specialist Ms. Mary Trudeau were present. A revised and updated Pond Management Plan packet dated November 12, 2013 was given to the board for review. Mr. Gagne stated the first pages are responses to board comments from the last hearing. Also included in the packet are revised plans identifying invasive species and showing their locations.

Ms. Trudeau discussed her concerns with what would be left after the control of the invasives. She stated the Country Club is willing to use a wetland seed mix although it wouldn't compete with some of the plantings including Ground Laurel and Sassafras.

Ms. Hershey stated that between the removal of invasives and the cutting of non-invasives she did not want open space.

The commission discussed the modifications as presented in the packet given to the board dated November 12, 2013.

Mr. Gagne went over the Pond Management Plan and discussed the proposed cuttings, and/or trimming to maintain a 3-4 ft. height of some of native species. He stated this will only occur in specific areas as needed. He is proposing to eradicate the invasives.

A discussion took place regarding Cattails, and Ms. Dyer stated as they are native and not invasive she doesn't want them all eradicated

Mr. Gagne stated that in certain areas they want them to be controlled more than in other areas. Ms. Trudeau stated they are considered invasive and tend to dominate

Ms. Hershey stated the board could state a specific percentage of Cattails need to be maintained in appropriate areas as a special condition

Mr. Turner discussed the Beetle project

Mr. Goetz agreed that cattails can take over and the need for diversity to prevent that.

Ms. Hershey stated she is satisfied with the proposed changes as presented by Mr. Gagne and the wetland specialist, and would consider this an Amendment to the approved Order of Conditions

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

Closed: 7:45

The commission discussed that maintaining a population of cattails in appropriate areas will be a special condition

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue an Amended Order of Conditions with the maintaining of a population of cattails in appropriate areas

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB (DRAIN)

BAKER ST. #233

DEP# 315-1039

Opened: 7:47

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

Mr. Wiley read the board comments into the record, including Town Engineer comments with specific requirements suggested dated October 22, 2013.

Mr. Mark Gagne, Walpole golf course superintendent and Mary Trudeau, Wetland Specialist was present. Ms. Trudeau stated that this Notice of Intent is for the replacement of an existing 8 “drain pipe. The pipe has surfaced and is visible at the top of the ground and they are proposing to pitch it for safety purposes. She stated this is not in a Town Easement; and it takes water from Baker St. and carries it across to the pond. They are not changing capacity. Ms. Trudeau stated that in terms of Best Management Practices the club would like to put in a sump pump to help with velocity.

Ms. Hershey stated she agreed that this is a maintenance project and as long as the location is the same and the pipe is the same size, all of the Town Engineer comments shouldn’t be required

Mr. Gagne stated the pitch is off and that they have experienced breaks in the pipe in recent years, due to age. He stated this repair is needed

Ms. Hershey stated the sump located at the end will be an improvement

Mr. Turner spoke of concerns with stormwater coming off the street and the need to collect debris

Ms. Trudeau spoke about the proposed stone sump and vegetated strip to help collect debris.

Mr. Goetz asked if there is a sump in the catch basin on Baker St. He suggested contacting the Town Engineer and asking to either have one put in or replaced to come up to current stormwater standards

Mr. Wiley agreed that the Town Engineer should be contacted regarding this.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

Closed: 8:00

The commission discussed special conditions to include silt control located at the outfall and around the four bay area, the new drain needs to be sized and located based on existing conditions, description of sediment area shall be put on the as-built plan

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Finnigan abstained)

**PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT
MAIN ST. #643-703
DEP# 315-1038**

OPENED: 8:10

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

Mr. Wiley read board comments into the record

Mr. Rick Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering was present representing the applicant Village Realty Trust who was also present.

Mr. Merrikin presented plans entitled “643-703 Main St. Conservation Plan of Land in Walpole MA” dated 6/25/13. Mr. Merrikin stated this proposal is solely for the resurfacing of an existing snow storage area by putting in gravel. Mr. Merrikin stated the reasoning is not to change the grade at all but to provide a more durable surface to put snow on. Presently the area consists of loose loam and everything gets clogged up.

Ms. Hershey stated this property had an Order of Conditions in the past for a garden area with a mulch surface located in the buffer zone. At that time the wetland line was delineated by Russ Waldron and Ms. Hershey has reviewed the wetland line. Her concern and suggestion is that a permanent boundary should be put in place to limit where the snow goes.

Mr. Turner is concerned about what is picked up in the snow and it’s proximity to the Neponset River. He discussed the opportunity to clean up stormwater.

Mr. Merrikin stated this project is a short term one as next year they are re-proposing a new building which will entail filing a Notice and dealing with stormwater. He stated they could put a trench at the end to help catch debris if the commission would like that.

Ms. Dyer stated she agrees with Ms. Hershey that a permanent boundary is needed

Mr. Goetz stated removing the rotted chips and putting in stony gravel will allow for percolation into the ground. He agrees a trench located at the lower end would help catch debris. Mr. Goetz also complimented the new owners for the much improved maintenance on site.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 8:30

The commission discussed special conditions to include putting in a permanent boundary which will be reviewed in the field with the conservation agent.

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

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

CONT. PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

UNION ST. #295 (Rear)

DEP# 315-1036

Opened: 8:31

Mr. Wiley read the advertisement from the Walpole Times for this Continued Public Hearing

Mr. Wiley read a new board comment into the record which was received after the last Hearing

Mr. Don Meyers of Norwood Engineering was present representing the applicants; the McCarthy's who were also present. Revised plans and supplement information were received in the office dated November 12, 2013 and given to the board to review.

Mr. Meyers stated a site visit was held on November 2, 2013 and members of the commission and abutters were present.

Mr. Meyers stated in his new packet he has tried to address all the comments from the last Public Hearing and site visit. He discussed the debris will be removed and the area loamed and seeded; no alteration plaques and locations were discussed and will be on the plan; and the snow area and O&M plan is included. Mr. Meyers stated the Lease is included in the packet. Mr. Meyers discussed the prevention of runoff going beyond the permeable pavement and that work would need to occur within the 25 ft no disturb. He stated he is now proposing installing a bituminous curb which will capture drainage, run along the curb and be directed to the rain garden and swale. Mr. Meyers stated that by putting in the impermeable barrier nothing will go to the wetlands.

Ms. Hershey stated she is happy with the proposal for a curb as she felt it was a solution preventing drainage into the wetlands. Ms. Hershey stated other comments and concerns in her report were answered by Mr. Meyers.

Mr. DiVirgilio asked about the differences between permeable asphalt and regular asphalt.

Mr. Meyers stated with regular asphalt another basin and manhole would be needed. He discussed rates of runoff and with permeable asphalt no large artificial structure is necessary

Mr. Turner asked the plan to keep the pavement clean

Mr. Meyers stated an O&M is in place and includes vacuuming the pavement. This report will go to the conservation commission annually. He stated the burden of maintaining it is in the control of the owner and the Lease with Prime Motors. If it is neglected it is on them to replace or repair.

Ms. Hershey stated signage stating it is a permeable pavement should be in place

Mr. Wiley asked about treatment unit and storage

Mr. Meyers stated detail is located on the revised plan and in the O&M

Mr. Goetz stated that during the site visit he became aware neighbors have been using the Town owned land as a dumping ground and it should be cleaned up. He also discussed the 3 ft. high lighting system is a good idea as it won't disturb anyone.

Mr. Wiley asked for questions and concerns from the audience

Mr. Darren Phinney, abutter on Killeen Rd. discussed the permeable pavement. He asked about the side of the roadway which was not going to be bermed, and if the grading is enough to keep the flow from coming off in that direction

Mr. Wiley stated the plans need to be revised before issuing the Order of Conditions with the changes as presented.

Mr. Goetz made the motion to close the Public Hearing

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Closed: 9:10

Special conditions include that the driveway must function in its original state or it needs to be replaced; signage stating the driveway is made of permeable pavement with no sanding allowed shall be placed at both ends of the driveway, No alteration plaques extending to the end of the rain garden shall be put in; the driveway shall be graded so it doesn't not take stormwater from 103 Providence Highway; and stormwater management practices shall be maintained in accordance to the O&M plan

Mr. Goetz made the motion to approve and issue an Order of Conditions

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2013

Mr. Adams made the motion to approve the Minutes for October 9, 2013

Ms. Dyer seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

OCTOBER 23, 2013

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve the Minutes for October 23, 2013

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Turner abstained)

BOARD COMMENTS

ZBA – 80 Emerson Rd. – The commission discussed this was out of their jurisdiction

GENERAL BUSINESS

2014 CONSERVATION MEETING DATES

The Commission reviewed and has approved the Meeting Dates for 2014. This will be posted and put on the Town of Walpole Website.

Ms. Dyer made the motion to approve Conservation Commission Meeting Dates for 2014

Mr. DiVirgilio seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET FY2015

After reviewing expenses, the board agreed on the FY 2015 Budget as presented

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

Mr. Adams seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

1900 MAIN ST.

The commission discussed Enforcement issues continuing on 1900 Main St. Mr. Santos has been directed to file a Notice of Intent by November 21, 2013. The commission also discussed a letter received by DEP directing the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office to serve the owner of 1900 Main St. a Notice of Non-Compliance as the owner; Mr. Zion has stopped accepting correspondence from MassDEP

OTHER BUSINESS

The commission reviewed and discussed a letter received from an abutter of MooseHill Rd. The commission also reviewed the response Chairman Wiley sent

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter from Toll Bros. – Re: High Oaks

Mr. Adams made the motion to adjourn

Mr. Finnigan seconded the motion

Vote: 7-0-0

Meeting Closed: 10:00 p.m.