

**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**



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MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 28, 2018
7:00 PM
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This meeting was taped and will be available on walpolemedia.tv

Present: Al Goetz (Vice Chairman) Betsey Dyer, Roger Turner and Emidio Di Virgilio

Absent: Jack Wiley (Chair), Jim Finnigan

Also present: Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent

Amy Messier, Board Secretary

The Conservation Agent Report dated February 28, 2018 was given to members.

Vice Chairman Al Goetz opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

7:01 PM

Notice of Intent, by Willet Pond Charitable and Protection Assoc., Inc., 347 Bullard St., DEP #315-1147:

Goetz opened the hearing, James Lacasse from Solitude Lake Management was present on behalf of the Applicant, and explained to the Board that the purpose of the Notice of Intent is for the control nuisance and non-native plant & algae growth utilizing treatment with USEPA/MA State registered aquatic herbicides, algaecides, and other BMPS's for Willett Pond (for 2 invasive species and 1 native species). The treatments would start mid-late May with pre-treatment, and June for treatment, with proper postings on all 85 abutting properties would be put up acknowledging the treatments and any other necessary information. Goetz discussed that the boards at the dam could not be pull to draw down the pond. Goetz opened the hearing for public input. Dan M. of Bullard Street asked if there would be a swimming restriction, in which Lacasse stated that there would not be, and only during the actual spraying would there be no swimming allowed due to possible injuries. Joe M. of Bullard Street asked how many herbicides would be used, Lacasse explained that there is a total of six all together, that would treat the pond over a number of weeks and months. There were no further questions or comments from the Board or the public, Dyer made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio). Dyer made a motion to issue a Order of Conditions with special conditions in place, specifically for the Applicant to notify the Town and provide a copy of the abutters posting to the Commission, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 5-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

7:23 PM

Continued Request to Amend Order of Conditions, by John Glossa, 763-765 Main St. DEP #315-1133:

John Glossa was present and explained to the Commission that he is requesting an amendment for the proposed parking area as now a portion located outside of the existing foundation (that was removed) and that the proposed activity is now closer than 100 ft. to the river. It was explained that additional area has already been done outside of the approved work area that is closer to the Wetlands and river within the riverfront area, Conservation Agent Landis Hershey stated to the Applicant that a revegetation plan is needed, along with other additional information (location of floodplain, current and after demo grades, detail of wall). Hershey discussed that it was up to the applicant to provide information regarding that the additional alteration of the riverfront area is within a previously developed riverfront area.

Glossa discussed the sewer easement history and the conditions of the easement which he stated lack top soil.

Betsey Dyer discussed the work outside of the approved work area and that the disturbed area needs a re-vegetative plan which improves the riverfront area and the 25-foot no alteration area.

Goetz discussed that there needs to be an improvement to the riverfront area under a redevelopment. He also discussed that he remembers driving on the easement and there had been no vegetation.

Since there needs to be additional information submitted to the Commission, Dyer made a motion to continue the hearing to March 28, 2018 at 7:30 PM, seconded by Turner, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio).

GENERAL BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Minutes: Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes of 2/14/18, seconded by Di Virgilio, the motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio)

Enforcement Orders/ Notice of Noncompliance:

Main St. #1900, DEP #315-1043: Conservation Agent, Landis Hershey stated that they have submitted an application to the ZBA, and they will be filing with the Commission in the near future.

609 Lincoln Rd.: no further updates until spring

Boyden Estates- Summer St. DEP #315-1099 (Notice of Noncompliance): There continues to be issues at this site due to erosion and sedimentation occurring from water discharging through the replication area and down by the slope of the basin and wetlands. The Applicant has been told to stabilize the slopes as required by the Order of Conditions and to submit design plans to address the Stormwater issue at the replication area. Conservation Agent Landis Hershey has asked the Applicant to provide weekly erosion control reports.

Requests for Extension:

N/A

Requests for Certificate of Compliance:

N/A

Correspondence: Was not discussed**Board Comment Requests:**

PIng. Bd.:

Pinnacle Point (multi-family res. Subdiv.): Will require a filing. The subdivision plan should show riverfront 100 and 200 ft. areas.

ZBA:

11 Boulder Trail: No comments, the work is outside of the buffer zone.

Lot 1 (3) Renmar Ave.: This project may require a filing.

64 Highland St.: No filing needed.

61 High St.: No filing needed.

Dyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Di Virgilio. The motion carried 4-0-0 (Goetz, Dyer, Turner, Di Virgilio). The Commission adjourned at 8:35 PM.