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**Minutes of August 6, 2020**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker’s March 23, 2020 “Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People,” this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

**The following Commissioners were present:**

Michelle Kayserman, Chair

Bob Holmes

Leigh Hafrey

Nick Garlick

Sean Hanley, Alternate

Nathan Gauthier, Alternate

The following staff were also present:

Renee Johnson, Administrator

Elissa Brown, Conservation Agent

The following Commissioners were absent:

Stephanie Radner, Vice Chair

Eliot Foulds, Clerk

The following Applicants and/or Representatives were present:

Robert Truax, GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc. Representing Chris Kostiopoulos

Carla Morelli, John Tobin, Chuck Dowdy– Northeastern University

Kevin Hebard, Sasaki Associates – Representing Northeastern University

Matt Donovan, Fair Dermody Representing Keolis

Clary Coutu, Keolis

Samuel Forgue , Harriman – Representing Animal Rescue League of Boston

Giorgio Petruzziello, Applicant

John Getherall, GCG Associates, Representing Supreme Development

Fergal Brennock, Representing Gallagher Electric

Jay Bullens, Applicant

Commissioner Kayserman called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Dedham Wetlands Bylaw, and the Dedham Stormwater Management Bylaw.

Stormwater Regs

Agent Brown stated that she had revised the definition of New Development and added a requirement to model existing conditions as “good” until proven otherwise. Minor typos and font changes were also fixed.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to approve the revised Stormwater Regulations. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. A roll call vote was taken**:** Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

Draft Tree Policy Discussion:

Agent Brown stated that she had sent the Tree Policy to Town Counsel for their review.

**New Applications**

* **80 Bridge Street, Chris Kotsiopoulos, Applicant – Joyce Hastings, GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc., Representative** – Renovation of existing commercial building  (DEP #141-0572, mSMP 2020-04). Robert Truax, GLM Engineering was present for the applicant.

Robert Truax, GLM Engineering presented an NOI and Minor Stormwater Management permit for the renovation of the existing building on a 47,916 square foot commercial parcel. The applicant proposes installing a stormwater treatment unit and catch basin. The project is located. A hay bale and silt fence erosion control barrier is currently located across the rear of the project and will not be removed until project is complete.

The proposed work is located within the 200-foot riverfront area of the Charles River. The building will utilize the existing footprint except for a new glass entrance increasing the footprint by 50 square feet. A trench will be excavated from the front of the building across Bridge Street for a new sewer line; the trench will be subsequently backfilled and the surface repaved. The area of disturbance will be 212 square feet. A wetland delineation was performed by GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Agent Brown stated that it appeared that there was an unpermitted addition to the building, and the proposed site plans needed to be stamped by a PE. Commissioner Kayserman asked for the TSS removal specifications for the Cascade Impactor and for TSS and TP calcs. She suggested that the existing catch basins be retro-fitted with hoods, and that the Standard 7 redevelopment checklist be provided, Commissioner Gauthier noted that the applicant will need to submit a final plan with landscaping.

The Commission determined that the NOI/mSMP proposes a minimal stormwater improvement and no wetland improvements. Per their standard procedure for commercial properties, a peer review of the proposed work was requested that they would also be needed to help identify other possible improvements.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to request funds for peer review in the amount of $3,000. Commissioner Radner seconded. A roll call vote was taken**:** Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to continue the applicant to September 3, 2020. Commissioner Radner seconded. A roll call vote was taken**:** Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

* **370 Common Street,  Northeastern University, Applicant –, Trey Sasser, Sasaki, Representative** – ADA improvements and renovation of existing gravel drive and seating area at the field hockey field (DEP #141-0574, MSMP 2020-14). Carla Morelli, John Tobin, Chuck Dowdy, all of Northeastern University, and Kevin Hebard, Sasaki were present for the applicant.

The Northeastern team proposed a plan for renovation of the viewing complex adjacent to the track, with ADA parking and other ADA improvements. The work will be within the 100-ft Buffer Zone to Bank and BVW associated with an intermittent stream. The project will alter more than 5,000 square feet of land within the 100 feet Buffer Zone. No snow removal is anticipated since the field is not used in the winter.

The Commission stated that the applicant would need to provide pre-treatment.

The applicant stated that maintenance reports would be supplied to the Commission in time for the September 3rd meeting. Commissioner Gauthier also requested that a tree waiver request be submitted with number of trees to be removed and to remain. Additionally, the Commission asked that woody shrubs in the Buffer Zone be provided and that test pit data be submitted for a location within the limit of work.

Commissioner Kayserman asked that the existing gravel road be modelled as semi-pervious, and to that runoff volumes be calculated for both the 2- and 10-year storms.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to request $4,000.00 for a peer review. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. A roll call vote was taken**:** Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to continue the applicant to September 3, 2020. Commissioner Gauthier seconded. A roll call vote was taken**:** Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

* **MBTA Right of Way, Clary Coutu, Keolis, Applicant – Tim Dermody, Fair Dermody, Representative –** Vegetation Management Plan wetlands map (RDA 2020-05). Matt Donovan, Fair Dermody, and Clary Coutu, Keolis, were present for the applicant.

Matt Donovan, Fair Dermody explained that Keolis is obligated under Federal Regulation to implement vegetation controls along the railroad Right-of Way (ROW). The objective of the vegetation management plan (VMP) is to eliminate, control and manage vegetation along the ROW that represents “any real or potential condition that can cause injury, illness or death; damage to or loss of the facilities equipment, rolling stock or infrastructure of a public transportation system; or damage to the environment.” In 2016, the Commission approved a wetlands map for the section of land adjacent to the railroad ROW. The Negative Determination that was issued has allowed Keolis to conduct vegetation management activities over the last five years. Keolis has also supplied the Commission with a Yearly Operational Plan, and ROW maps including the wetlands location and sensitive receptors. The current VMP is set to expire in December 2020, so Keolis needs to renew a new five-year VMP. There are no proposed changes to existing maps and permanent markings in the field from the previous filing.

Commissioner Kayserman requested photos be provided.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to continue the application until September 3, 2020. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

**Continued Applications**

* **220 Pine Street, Animal Rescue League of Boston, Applicant- Samuel Forgue, Harriman, Representative – New administration and maintenance buildings (MSMP 2020-08).** Sam Forgue, Harriman, was present for the applicant.

Sam Forgue summarized the stormwater management plan for a proposed a new 12,240 sf multi-use/administrative building and a new 3,350 sf maintenance/store building. As part of this new development, the existing main access drive will be realigned, and new parking areas will be constructed to accommodate the new buildings.

The total site encompasses approximately 30 acres of land. Borings and Test pits confirm soil mapping from the NRCS Web soil survey maps indicating consistently poor to well-graded sandy loams. Sediment and erosion controls will be placed around all catch basins, silt fencing and haybales around temporary material stockpiles. Perimeter erosion control measures shall be installed prior to any activity.

Commissioner Kayserman requested that a Special Condition be added to the permit requiring temporary sedimentation basins to be utilized in the event that groundwater is encountered. Additionally, a detail should be provided for the dewatering basin and proposed locations shown on plans.

Stephanie Carter, 227 Pine Street, questioned whether the project would adversely impact her well.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to close the public hearing and issue a Major Stormwater Management Permit. Commissioner Gauthier seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

* **176 ( Lot 4) Schoolmaster Lane, Supreme Development, Inc. – Giorgio Petruzziello, Applicant – John Getherall, GCG Associates, Representative** – New single-family dwelling on an undeveloped lot (MSMP 2020-12). John Getherall, GCG and Giorgio Petruzzuiello were present for the applicant.

John Getherall stated that, as requested, the stormwater calculations had been updated with the existing conditions woods modelled as “good,” a 30% void space used for the stone, and the overflow pipe re-sized. He stated Pitch Pines had been substituted for White Pines in the landscaping plan and a total of 82 trees and shrubs, combined, would be planted, with a minimum of 41 trees.

The Commission asked that a Special Condition be added to the draft permit stating that the planting must installed prior to issuance of an Occupancy Permit or an additional bond would be collected based on the actual estimate from the tree nursery.

Commissioner Kayserman questioned whether the runoff in the rear would be adversely impacted the neighbor’s property. Mr. Getherall responded that the property was owned by the same entity and that that was taken into account in the model.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to close the public hearing, approve the waiver for tree replacement (82 trees removed, 41 to be replaced), and to issue a Major Stormwater Management Permit. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

* **212 (Lot 6) Schoolmaster Lane, Supreme Development, Inc. – Giorgio Petruzziello, Applicant – Michael Carter, GCG Associates, Representative** – New single-family dwelling on an undeveloped lot (MSMP 2020-13). John Getherall, GCG and Giorgio Petruzziello were present for the applicant.

The applicant requested to continue the application until the next Conservation Commission hearing.

Commissioner Kayserman moved to continue the meeting until September 3, 2020. Commissioner Garlick seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

**Miscellaneous**

* **Notices of Violations:**

**180 Milton Street** – Unauthorized construction in Riverfront Area. Fergal Brennock, speaking on behalf of Gallagher Electric, stated that he hopes to submit an NOI for the September 17, 2020 meeting.

**7 Schoolmaster Lane** – Unauthorized vegetation removal and re-grading in Buffer Zone. Jay Bullens, property owner, stated that he will submit an NOI and a MSMP. He also stated that erosion and sedimentation controls are already in place. He hopes to provide the Commission with his application by 8/26.

* **Request for Modification of Existing Permits**

125 Sprague Street – Stormwater system. Commissioner Kayserman made a motion to approve the modification to the Major Stormwater Permit. Commissioner Garlick seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

* **Agents Report:**

**Administrative Approval** – Agent Brown stated that she had issued an Administrative Approval for a Historic Sign about Mother Brook on town land off Colburn Street near Maverick Street

**220 Pine Street** – An additional $1,000 was requested from the applicant for peer review due to the extra work effort required.

**Minutes- The minutes of** 7/9/20 and 7/23/20 were approved as amended. Commissioner Kayserman moved to approve the minutes with amendments from Commissioners Bugay and Radner. Commissioner Garlick seconded. Kayserman, Holmes, Hafrey, Garlick and Alternates Gauthier and Hanley all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Johnson, Administrator