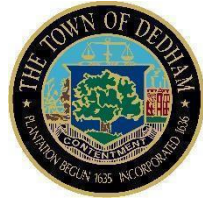


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TOWN OF DEDHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of January 19, 2023

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:

Stephanie Radner, Chair
Nathan Gauthier, Vice Chair
Tim Puopolo, Clerk
Erik DeAvila
Anne Gotay
Leigh Hafrey

The following staff were also present:

Patrick Hogan, Assistant Agent

The following Commissioners were absent:

The following Applicants and/or Representatives were present:

Michael O'Brien, Representative – 1000 Washington Street
Alecia Pierce, Applicant – 220 Pine Street (Animal Rescue League)

Commissioner Radner called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

1. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

2. Town of Dedham – Proposed Drainage Design Standards

Commissioner Radner stated that due to a scheduling conflict, the Town Engineer was not able to attend this meeting and will instead discuss this topic at the next meeting on 2/2.

3. Request for Extension

3.1. 1000 Washington Street – MSMP 2017-18 – Mixed Use Development

Michael O'Brien, contractor for the project, stated that construction was in progress, but had been delayed in the early stages due to financing issues and subsurface issues with pilings. Since addressing these issues, the project has been moving forward as expected.

Commissioner Radner asked if the requested extension is for 3 years. Assistant Agent Hogan confirmed. Commissioner Radner asked how long Mr. O'Brien expects the work to continue. Mr. O'Brien stated 12-14 months. Commissioner Radner stated she would prefer to extend the permit only for the amount of time needed to finish rather than the maximum allowable.

Commissioner DeAvila stated that due to the project likely being impacted by the pandemic, he was comfortable extending the permit for 3 years.

Commissioner Radner opened the floor to the public for comment. She received no responses.

Commissioner Gauthier noted the subsurface issues mentioned by Mr. O'Brien and asked if they would impact the approved design of the subsurface infiltration system. Mr. O'Brien declined, stating that the subsurface issues were located deeper than the infiltration system, which has already been installed according to the approved plan. Assistant Agent Hogan confirmed that Agent Brown had inspected the installation of the subsurface system and noted no issues. Commissioner Radner agreed that this was her understanding of the situation, but also asked Mr. O'Brien to contact the Conservation Department if anything in the approved plan needs to be changed before performing the work. Mr. O'Brien agreed.

Commissioner Radner **motioned to approve a 3-year extension for MSMP 2017-18**. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. Commissioner Radner led a roll call vote. All attending commissioners voted "aye." The motion carried 6-0.

4. Request for COC

4.1. Animal Rescue League of Boston

Assistant Agent Hogan stated that he and Agent Brown inspected the site roughly 6 months ago and noted a few issues with vegetation and planting. The permittee coordinated the correction of those items and Agent Brown has confirmed work is complete.

Commissioner Radner opened the floor to the other commissioners and the public for comment. She received no responses.

Commissioner Radner **motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance for this project**. Commissioner DeAvila seconded. Commissioner Radner led a roll call vote. All attending commissioners voted "aye." The motion carried 6-0.

5. Minutes – 1/11/2023

Commissioner Radner asked for comments on the minutes. The Commission generally agreed that the minutes were accurate as drafted.

Commissioner Radner **motioned to approve the minutes of the 1/11/2023 meeting as drafted**. Commissioner DeAvila seconded. Commissioner Radner led a roll call vote. All attending commissioners voted "aye." The motion carried 6-0.

6. Agent's Report

Assistant Agent Hogan had no items to mention.

Commissioner Radner noted an email sent by Agent Brown earlier in the day with a link and flyer regarding a flooding study by the Neponset River Watershed Association. She encouraged all Commissioners to review the email and provide any relevant information.

Commissioner Gauthier **motioned to adjourn**. Commissioner Radner seconded. All attending commissioners voted "aye." The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.