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Conservation Commission - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2014, Dedham Town Hall- Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Civian (Chairman), Andrew Tittler, David Gorden and Brian McGrath.

Members Absent: Laura Bugay, Sean Hoxie and Kristine Langdon.

Mr. Civian called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

 450 Sprague Street- *Notice of Intent from the Town of Dedham Engineering Department for the development of a multi-use recreational facility on the 25 acres of land formerly known as the Striar property, located at 450 Sprague Street. (DEP# 141-0466)* Continued from May 1st.

Agent O’Connell advised that the applicant has requested to be continued until June 5

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the hearing on 450 Sprague Street until June 5th, seconded by Mr. Tittler. UA

370 Common St., Northeastern University – *Request for an amendment to an existing Order of Conditions from Northeastern University, to replace an existing running track around the new artificial turf field hockey field, as well as associated stormwater management. (DEP# 141-0448).* Continued from May 1st.

Trey Sasser was present for the hearing.

Agent O’Connell explained that the only thing that is missing is stamped versions of the plan.

Mr. Civian asked that as a special condition for the local conditions with the operations and maintenance the applicant provide a description of the Town of Dedham’s use of the property each year.

Mr. Civian made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

Mr. Civian made a motion to approve the amendment to the existing order of conditions for Northeastern University, seconded by Mr. McGrath. UA. (Mr. Tittler abstained.)

7:08 pm MassDOT I-95/University Ave- *Notice of Intent from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation- Highway Division for improvements to the I-95 southbound ramp at University Avenue. (DEP# 141-0464)* Continued from May 1st.

Matt Shute from Tetra Tec referenced the letter that was included in the Commissioner’s packets. He explained that they are proposing three tree filter boxes locations.

Ian Cooke with Neponset watershed Association provided comments on the tree boxes.

Mr. Tittler asked if they would be widening the retention basin. Mr. Shute commented that the intent was for the volume of the basin to be the same.

Mr. Cooke commented that he had noticed quite a bit of pavement that would not be receiving treatment. Mr. Civian asked why the runoff from this pavement would not be receiving treatment. Mr. Shute responded that Mass DOT sees this as a non-participating item. Mr. Civian asked what the practical reason for not putting it in. Susan McArthur of Mass DOT responded that it is just their policy and this would be a non-participating item. Mr. Tittler asked what they mean by a non-participating item. He continued to explain that the applicant is being told that they need to meet the maximum percent practicable and that is a state law. Mr. Tittler added that what they are asking the applicant to do it not an extra.

Mr. Corriveau explained that per the Mass DOT stormwater handbook this would be a non-participating item. The applicant feels they are already going above and beyond with the three proposed tree boxes.

Agent O’Connell asked how they addressed the comments that DEP sent. Mr. Shute responded that their comments in response to DEP’s comments were emailed out on May 7th. Agent O’Connell responded that she had not seen that email, and asked for Mr. Shute to go through the responses.

Mr. Civian explained that they can close the public hearing tonight, and work through the conditions at the next meeting.

Mr. Civian asked the applicant to consider why the tree boxes need to be maintained by a municipality and not the Dedham Westwood Water District who has offered to provide this maintenance.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue until June 5th, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

750 Providence Highway- *Notice of Intent from David Spiegel for the redevelopment of a 7.5 acre parcel containing a freestanding retail building and 28 additional parking spaces while filling and replicating an area of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (DEP# 141-0465)*   Continued from May 1st.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the hearing on 750 Providence Highway until June 5th, seconded by Mr. McGrath. UA.

Irish Alehouse- *Request from Michael Hegarty of the Irish Ale House for a modification to an Order of Conditions to include the possible removal of an underground tank. (DEP File # 141-0463)*

Michael Hegarty explained to the Commission that following the issuance of the Order of Conditions, they discovered something underground. They are not sure what they found but they suspect it is some sort of storage tank.

Mr. Gorden suggested the applicant provide a work plan from Knoll Environmental for the process. Mr. Gorden also suggested an emergency permit for the work if necessary.

Mr. Civian commented they can act on this tonight and then the staff can write up the conditions.

Mr. Civian made a motion to amend the Order of Conditions for the Irish Ale house, seconded by Ms. Bugay. UA

8:12 PM: Little Sprouts- *Request for Determination of Applicability from Little Sprouts, LLC for renovations including the installation of an elevator on the exterior of the building and the installation of a playground on the premises located at 280 Bridge Street in Dedham. (RDA 2014-05)*

Present for the discussion were Pat Forbes, Karen Silvia, and May Souza.

Ms. O’Connell asked if they were proposing to add any pavement. Ms. Forbes responded that they would not be adding any pavement.

Ms. Bugay made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, seconded by Mr. Civian. UA

8:30 PM- Mr. Gorden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms Bugay. UA