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Conservation Commission - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2015, Dedham Town Hall- Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Civian (Chairman), Laura Bugay, Joseph Smith, Brian McGrath, Kristine Langdon, and Joseph Hickey.

Members Absent: Andrew Tittler

**Mr. Civian called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**7:00: 637 East Street-** *Notice of Intent from Frank Gobbi for completion of the work in a 21 +/- lot subdivision infrastructure including grading and roadway paving with some work within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. (DEP 141-0486)*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 637 East Street until December 3rd, seconded by Mr. Tittler, UA.

**7:05: 399 West Street -***Notice of Intent from Perry Phinney for the construction of a single family house at 399 West Street with work proposed within the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland and bordering land subject to flooding. (DEP 141- 0481)*

**Matthew Watsky, Counsel for the applicant, was present for the hearing. He reviewed the eight questions that the Commission was previously looking for a response on. With regards to the neighbors concern about flooding, Mr. Watsky explained that they did use the FEMA information within this proposal.**

**Mr. Watsky explained that soil testing could be done, but trees would need to be cut in order to get a machine in there and the site would be disturbed in the process; he believes the soil maps are pretty reliable. He suggested that the Commission condition the approval to ask them to do soil testing when they are doing the site work and the erosion control is already in place.**

**Mr. Watsky explained that drainage calculations were done, and it was found that a 100-year storm would be accommodated; they are offering an additional 317 cubic feet more storage volume than required.**

**The lawn size has been reduced and has been brought in closer to the house.**

**Mr. Civian asked the applicant to consider making the house and lawn footprint smaller.**

**Renee McDonough of Goddard Consulting explained that she is proposing plants along the edge of the lawn in order to create more of a buffer to the wetlands. She is proposing approximately 1400 square feet of plantings.**

**Mr. McGrath confirmed that the footprint of the foundation is outside of the FEMA floodplain.**

**Mr. Civian commented that is still appears to him to be a lot of work within resource areas.**

**Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 399 West Street until December 3rd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.**

**11 & 17 Leominster Rd.-** *Notice of Intent from William McDevitt & Dennis Teehan  for nuisance vegetation control  and select tree removal in buffer zone to intermittent stream at 11 & 17 Leominster Road. (DEP 141- 0490)*

Mr. Lindholm was present.

Mr. Civian explained that the conditions require an amount of money for reimbursement for work done without permits to the Town, and if Mr. Teehan or Mr. McDevitt has any questions or concerns to give him a call.

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions with conditions including funding for wetlands mitigation as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**7:25 PM: 120 Village Avenue-***Request for Determination of Applicability from Roger Shepley for tree removal and pruning. (RDA 2015-14).*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 120 Village Avenue until the meeting of December 17th, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**Schoolmaster Lane**- *DEP# 141-0341*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue Schoolmaster Lane to December 3rd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**1056 East Street –** *Stormwater Management Permit application for a 6 lot residential subdivision road (SWP 2015-18).*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 1056 East Street until December 3rd, seconded by Mr. Tittler, UA.

Mr. Civian made a motion to request an additional $1500 for the peer review process, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

Agent Brown explained that she will also be giving plans to the Engineering Department as they are also interested in the project.

**211 Schoolmaster Lane (SWP 2014-18) – *Stormwater Certificate of Compliance***

**Mr. Civian made a motion to issue a Stormwater Certificate of Compliance for 211 Schoolmaster Lane as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.**

**49 Tarbox Street (SWP 2014-20) – *Stormwater Certificate of Compliance***

**Mr. Civian made a motion to issue a Stormwater Certificate of Compliance for 49 Tarbox Street as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.**

**7:35 PM: 450 Washington Street -***Stormwater Management Permit Application for redevelopment of the Ames School building and surrounding lot (SWP 2015-19)*

Joseph Olivera was present with Matthew Zerillo to discuss the new Town Hall project.

Mr. Olivera explained that they plan to install a whole new stormwater management system. The system is sized to treat one inch of runoff from the whole site. They will be achieving about twice the requirement for treating phosphorus. TSS reduction rates range from 90-99 percent, drastically improving water quality.

Ms. Bugay asked the applicant to consider if there would be a way to achieve 2 inches of runoff.

Mr. Olivera explained that pervious pavers were planned for the front of the building but that was ruled out by the Town as too difficult to maintain; instead the front will be colored concrete.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 450 Washington Street until December 3rd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**Informal Discussion-**

Meeting Minutes-

Mr. Civian made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 13th, and September 3rd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

Exempting projects under 500 square feet-

Ms. Brown asked the Commission their opinion on exempting a project that is less than 500 feet of impervious square feet to be paved as they are still waiting on the new regulations to go into effect. Mr. Civian confirmed that Ms. Brown can provide them with a blanket stormwater permit.

Mr. Civian commented that Selectman Teehan would like to bring together a committee to look at concerns with the way ConCom does business, specifically at the wetland bylaw. This may be an opportunity to re-assess the wetland bylaw as the Commission did recently with the stormwater bylaw.

Ms. Brown gave an update on Town Counsel’s letter to the person on Wiggin Street that is encroaching on Town land.

Agent Brown discussed a drum that was rusted out at 2 Deep Dene.

Mr. Civian motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM, seconded by Mr. McGrath, UA.