Conservation Commission - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017, Dedham Town Hall- Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Fred Civian (Chairman), Laura Bugay, Andrew Tittler, Joseph Smith and Joseph (Matt) Hickey.

Members Absent: Michael Williams.

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

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13 Powers Road, Giorgio Petruziello, Supreme Development, Inc.**-** *Notice of Intent for a new SFD in Riverfront and UBA (DEP #141-0511)*

Mr. Civian made a motion to Continue 13 Powers Rd until February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

38 Icehouse Lane, Giorgio Petruziello, Supreme Development, Inc –*Notice of Intent for a new SFD in Riverfront and UBA (DEP #141-0510*

Mr. Civian made a motion to Continue 38 Icehouse Ln until February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA

725 Providence Highway – *Notice of Intent for a fast food restaurant (DEP #141-0508)*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 725 Providence Highway to February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

Southern Extra High Redundant Pipeline, MWRA- Notice of Intent for a new water main (DEP # 141-0509)

Paul Rullo and Hillary King were present to represent the project. Mr. Rullo reminded the Commission that a public citizen meeting is scheduled for January 26th.

Mr. Civian commented that he is hesitant to issue a decision until after the public citizen meeting. He would like to continue this item until February 2nd after the public meeting.

Ms. Bugay asked for more information on how the compensatory storage functions. Ms. King responded that she would need to check with the wetlands scientist.

Mr. Tittler asked what happens with this water pipeline beyond the intersection of Jefferson Street and Rustcraft Road. Mr. Rullo responded that the pipe continues southerly towards Westwood.

Mr. Tittler asked why the project is segmented. Mr. Rullo explained this application incudes all impacts in Dedham. Mr. Rullo explained the separation shown on plans is based on a separation of contractor’s contracts, not of their requests with the Commission in Dedham.

Agent Brown commented that she has verified that the wetland delineation is accurate. There is a large amount of invasive species so she would like to see them incorporate invasive species management. She would like to see the Bittersweet pulled; cut and dab with round up.

Mr. Rullo explained that while he can put things into construction contract, he cannot obligate future maintenance.

Agent Brown commented that she is still trying to determine the stormwater management needs for the pedestrian bridge.

Agent Brown commented that the homeowner called making sure the stormwater from the project does not enter their property.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue Southern Extra High Redundant Pipeline, MWRA to February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

7:21 PM: Emmett Avenue & Dedham Boulevard, DCR – *Notice of Intent for a Headwall Construction (DEP File #141-0512)*

Robert Lowell of the DCR explained that this project is related to the MWRA project. They plan to take the opportunity during MWRAs construction to have drainage installed along this portion of roadway as they think it is a wonderful opportunity to bring it up to 21st century.

Deb DuHamel of Stantec explained the proposal is to remediate a flooding problem near Charity Lane. The drainage system will be built during the MWRA water main project, and the headwall would be built by DCR.

Simon Hilt of Stantec presented information with regards to the impacted areas including temporary impacts.

Mr. Civian commented with regards to the requirement to consider low impact development; if creating new impervious area they need to meet the LID standards completely.

Ms. Bugay confirmed with the applicant that they considered the hydrologic needs of the Town’s rain garden that is located within the drainage area that they are proposing alterations.

Mr. Civian thanked the DCR for coordination their efforts with the MWRA.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue Emmett Avenue & Dedham Boulevard, DCR until February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

7:50 PM: 131 Bridge Street, Donald and Judith Massey – *Major Stormwater Permit for a new SFD (MSMP 2017-01)*

Judy and Don Massey thanked Agent Brown for walking their property and answering their questions.

The former house burned down last February and needs to be totally demolished and rebuilt. The insurance will not cover the new required infiltration system.

Donald Massey commented that he agrees to the proposed conditions.

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue a Major Stormwater Management Permit for 131 Bridge Street as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

8:08 PM: Town of Dedham, Colburn Street Dam – Notice of Intent for dam rehabilitation (DEP #141-TBD

Jason Mammone explained that the Town of Dedham is in control of the land now; it is no longer with DCR. The dam is a 100 year old structure. He explained that without this dam you don’t have Mill Pond.

Adam Zisk, Civil Engineer, explained that the Town embarked on a phase 2 study. There isn’t any danger of immediate breach of the dam; it is still pretty stable. He reviewed the alternatives they had to repair the dam.

Mr. Civian confirmed with Mr. Zisk that they would shut off the flow to Mother Brook and draw the water level way down on Mill Pond.

Agent Brown commented that lowering the water level to dry out the milfoil is not an effective strategy to eliminate the milfoil. An alternative would be to do this work in mid-winter.

Mr. Civian commented that it would be easier for mechanical harvesting when the water is lowered. He will call Virginia LeClair to discuss the control of invasives in Mill Pond.

Ms. Bugay confirmed with Mr. Zisk that the majority of the project would be in low flow conditions. They are estimating 3 months total for construction and would likely start in July.

Agent Brown commented that she did speak with Virginia LeClair about this today and they wonder if rather than fencing off the area if they could provide more walking trails along the river to increase accessibility. Mr. Mammone explained that they are trying to prevent people from walking along the dam for safety purposes.

8:42 PM: Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the Colburn Street Dam until February 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**Informal Discussion**

Trash Issues- Mr. Civian suggested having commissioners each adopt a large project and follow up on their Operations and Maintenance Plan requirements.

Mr. Smith did some research on the trash issue at the Papa Gino’s Plaza. He presented some historical information to the Commission. Mr. Smith suggested that since this trash issue continues to be an ongoing problem that the Commission require them to clean the property weekly as agreed to in their Operations and Maintenance Plan or charge them a fee.

Agent Brown will draft an enforcement letter.

Ms. Bugay commented that it would be nice to place an article in the paper about trash/litter.

Gas Pipelines- Agent Brown presented a letter to Governor Baker to stop pipelines from carrying natural gas. Ms. Bugay confirmed she is comfortable with the letter.

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue the letter, seconded by Ms. Bugay. It was voted 4-1, Mr. Smith was opposed as he thought the Commission was dabbling in an area that is not their purview.

13 Powers & 38 Icehouse- Ms. Bugay commented that these items are continued until our next meeting of February 2nd and she wants the Commission to be prepared to really discuss the UBA issues and have a solid argument either for or against the project.

MACC Conference in March- Mr. Tittler recommended that Commissioners go to this meeting if they can.

9:30 PM: Ms. Bugay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Smith, UA.