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Conservation Commission - Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017, Dedham Town Hall- Lower Conference Room

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

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

Town of Dedham, Colburn Street Dam – *Notice of Intent for dam rehabilitation (DEP #141-TBD)*

Mr. Civian tabled this item until Mr. Mammone returns from the Board of Selectmen’s meeting later this evening.

38 Icehouse Lane *DEP #141-0510)* & 13 Powers Road *(DEP #141-0511)*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 38 Icehouse Lane and 13 Powers Road until March 2nd as requested by the applicant, 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 until March 2nd as they are still waiting on the peer review, seconded by Mr. Tittler, UA.

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

Agent Brown explained that there were a few items that she noticed did not address the local wetlands bylaw including the work in the UBA, the delineation of trees over 6 inches in diameter and the request for a waiver for cutting down trees over 12 inches. Agent Brown recommended a continuation until the next meeting.

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

123 Eastern Avenue, David Raftery – *Notice of Intent to demolish an existing SFD and construct a new 2-family dwelling (DEP #141-0513).*

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue 123 Eastern Avenue until March 2nd as requested by the applicant, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

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

Agent Brown recommended that the public hearing be closed, and that an Order of Conditions be issued.

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for the Southern Extra High Redundant Pipeline, MWRA, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

7 Whitcomb Road – *Stormwater Certificate of Compliance (2015-13)*

Mr. Civian made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 7 Whitcomb Road as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**Informal Items**

480 Sprague Street- Agent Brown informed the Commission of a minor change to an administrative approval she had presented to the Commission in a recent meeting.

ConCom Vacancy- Agent Brown reported to the Commission that there have been a couple applicants but they have yet to go before the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Civian added that the Commission is able to have 2 alternates. He has asked Agent Brown to have those alternate positions posted as well.

**Original Business**

7:15 PM:Town of Dedham, Colburn Street Dam – *Notice of Intent for dam rehabilitation (DEP #141-TBD)*

Mr. Civian reviewed where they left off from a previous meeting.

Jason Mammone was present from the Town of Dedham Engineering Department to represent this proposal. He explained that they have looked at the alternatives brought up by the Commission at the previous meeting.

Adam Zysk explained that MEPA has requested that they submit expanded ENF application. They confirmed that the average summer flow was between 20-25 CFS, and following the summer months it increases dramatically. They are proposing the gate closure will take approximately 2 months.

Charlie Kruger commented with regard to the importance of the dam’s history in East Dedham. He encourages the Conservation Commission to support it.

Rita Cushman also commented on importance of the dam and Mother Brook.

Bruce Lovely commented that repairing the dam is the correct thing to do.

Jon Briggs commented that there is a lot of history and activity around the dam and it would be detrimental to the pond to lose it.

Agent Brown commented that hand pulling milfoil in the pond while lowered will help.

Joe Heisler thanked the Commission. He would like to conserve this natural resource in every way possible.

David Roberts was also supportive of repairing the dam as he believes it is an asset to the community.

Ray Harris was also in favor of taking the care of the dam but was concerned about any impacts to wildlife habitat as a result of lowering water.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue Town of Dedham Colburn Street Dam until March 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**7:50 PM:** 500 High Street (Gonzalez Field) Town of Dedham – *Notice of Intent and Major Stormwater Management Permit to renovate playing field (DEP #141-0515, MSMP 2017-02)*

Megan Buczynski was present from Activitas along with Rhiana Summers of Epsilon on behalf of the Town of Dedham.

Ms. Summers explained that they would like to turn the field into an artificial turf field and to expand the handicapped parking area. Ms. Summers described the existing and proposed conditions. She explained a waiver from the UBA that is being requested to expand the parking, primarily for the entrance way and 1 existing parking space.

Mr. Civian explained the Commissions efforts to hold the line on all projects with regards to the request to do work within the UBA.

Ms. Buczynski reviewed the stormwater approach at the site. She explained the composition of the synthetic turf and its under-layers.

Mr. Hickey asked why Gonzalez field needs to be converted to artificial turf.

Dan Hart explained that the cost to bring the field up to par as natural turf was also considerable in itself and with all of the use it would not last as long as the artificial turf and it would not have been worthwhile in that case to light the field.

Mr. Tittler asked about the lighting conditions and the hours of usage for the lights.

Ms. Buczynski explained that lighting as measured by foot candles explaining that it was very limited in the wetland area.

Mr. Hart explained that they expect the latest use will be until 9 PM, although there could be later practices or usage.

Agent Brown commented that they will need more time to review this and she recommended that a third party review the stormwater. She would like to request $3000 for the review.

Ms. Buczynski recommended that they choose a reviewer that has some experience with synthetic turf.

Mr. Civian made a motion to request $3000 from the applicant for a third party review as recommended by Agent Brown, seconded by Mr. Tittler, UA.

Mr. Civian made a motion to continue the hearing for Town of Dedham Gonzalez Field until March 2nd, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

**8:40 PM**: 9 South Stone Mill Drive, Mother Brook Condominium Trust – *Request for Determination of Applicability for roadway and drainage improvements (RDA 2017-01)*

Kyle Burchard was present. He explained the proposal including pavement repairs, curb replacements and upgrades to stone retaining walls. He also reviewed existing conditions on the site and the areas where work will take place within the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Burchard agreed this was a redevelopment.

Mr. Civian discussed whether this should have been filed as an NOI. Agent Brown believes an NOI is necessary according to DEP policy which states that a Negative Determination is allowable only if alteration in the buffer zone is less than 5000 square feet or 10 percent of the buffer zone of the lot. Mr. Civian explained that if he wants to make the case that this is not an alternation and should fall under an RDA than he has more work to do. He also suggested that he look at Standard 7 for stormwater.

Paul McMurtry serves on Mother Brook Condo Board and asked for some guidance on this project to lessen the surcharges related to its proximity to resource areas.

Mr. Civian recommended when filing an NOI to handle as many different projects as possible so that they are only coming to the board once to lessen the burden.

Andrew Clyman asked about the difference between an NOI and RDA. Agent Brown explained that the NOI is required to be more detailed and requires engineered plans.

Ms. Bugay made a motion to continue 9 South Stone Mill Drive until March 2nd, seconded by Mr. Hickey, UA.

**9:08 PM**: Mr. Tittler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bugay, UA.

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