

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
May 7, 2014

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis
AH Andrew Henderson
AA Alana Archangelo
CP Christopher Picone

Absent:None

6:32 PM:

MD opened the meeting of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission under the MA Wetland Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and in accordance with the Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

6:35 PM

Request For Determination, Route 12 Re-Paving, Mass. Highway District 3, Bill Clougherty from Mass. Highway was here to present the proposal for re-surfacing Route 12. All the work (milling of the existing surface, paving) will be done within the boundaries of the existing roadway.

CP asked if any oily runoff could result from a rainstorm if the paving hasn't settled.

Mr. Clougherty said the milling would result in removal of the surface layer but no oil is used that would result in a sheen on the road.

MD moved to close the hearing and CP seconded the motion. The motion was passed with all in favor.

MD made a motion to issue a Negative Determination #2 that the work would not alter an area subject to protection, CP seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0, unanimously.

6:55 PM

Notice of Intent, 17 Main St., (Map 62, Parcel 109) DEP File # 092-0894: for the conversion of a single family home to a funeral home. The conversion requires the construction of off street parking along with associated storm-water management controls within the riverfront. Bill Hannigan of Hannigan Engineering was present representing Brandon Funeral Homes.

MD after visiting the site reported that a lot of the area is open and piles of debris that had previously existed have been cleaned up and the area is within the Riverfront Resource Area .

The storm-water management system is designed to remove over 80% of silt and is designed to slow the runoff by catch basin and rip rapped spillway.

MD asked about an e-mail he sent concerning the storm-water management. They said they rely on peer review regarding stor-water management. (A letter from Ty & Bond is on file with the Planning Board.)

No Resource Areas other than the Riverfront will be disturbed.

No Rare Species in area.

MD asked what the alternatives were and why the site was chosen.

The proponents replied that the project resulted in some improvements to the Riverfront and the storm-water management plan would be effective.

They explained it was a commercial use in an area designated for that use. Originally they had planned for 31 parking spaces but they couldn't acquire the adjacent land necessary and further development of the existing lot would require replication.

The driveway was narrowed and 7 parking spaces were removed to avoid the impacts and limit the restoration to 1800 sq. ft. reduced from 3600 sq. ft..

Mr. Hannigan read the nine page Riverfront Area Regulatory Compliance Letter (submitted as part of the NOI) to the Commission.

The Planning Board needs to issue a Special Permit for the use (funeral home) and is waiting for the Conservation Commissions review, they will meet on 5/8/14.

MD stated that he felt everything worked out the way it was supposed to.

MD moved to close the hearing.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

7:13 PM

Other Business

Certificate Of Compliance.

MD moved to issue a COC for 93 Rindge Turnpike Rd..

CP seconded the Motion.

Voted 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 45 Stodge Meadow Rd..

CP seconded the Motion.

Voted 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 9 Williams Rd..

CP seconded the Motion.

Voted 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 94 Corey Hill Rd..

CP seconded the Motion.

Voted 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 47 Hay Rd..

CP seconded the Motion.

Voted 4-0, unanimously.

8:20 PM

MD moved to adjourn the meeting.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Turcotte, Conservation Agent