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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Members Present: Mark Coakley, Joe McGrath, Dan Duffy, Chip Burkhardt, Rebecca Longvall

Members Absent: Shannon Holgate, Jeffrey Walsh

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

PUBLIC HEARING – Lindsay Katz (Sokolowski) (27 Flagg Street) – Stormwater Control Permit Application for the construction of a one-lot residential subdivision.

John Grenier (JM Grenier Associates), Lindsay and Christopher Katz were present. Mr. Grenier said Flagg Street is a dead end. In order to provide adequate access and frontage, the road will be extended approximately 138 feet. They are required to have a Stormwater Control Permit because it is technically a subdivision. They did provide drainage through a catch basin, water quality inlet and an infiltration basin located at the rear portion of the site which will capture road runoff and will be treated in accordance with DEP Stormwater Management Guidelines. They designed the infiltration basin to keep the drainage system adequate but small. The revised plan reflects the modifications from Graves Engineering per the Planning Board's request. They propose to install a water quality inlet which will provide the same treatment as the swale would for runoff and will be piped down to the forebay. The ESCs will be at the limit of work; jute netting will be used on the slopes. The detention basin will be built first; a stone construction apron is proposed for vehicles. The Planning Board said before building permits will be issued, the roadway will have to be bounded and constructed so there is adequate access and drainage; the house will be built after the infrastructure is in. An Operation and Maintenance Plan was provided. Mr. Grenier asked for a waiver to Section 7.0.I.4.e of the Stormwater Control Bylaw requiring five foot high fencing to be installed around the infiltration basin due to the limited size of the project, the small size of the basin, and any standing water will be limited. The members agreed since it is a single family home and it is contained on private property. Chip Burkhardt made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Rebecca Longvall seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Mark Coakley made a motion that the Commission waive the requirement to Section 7.0.I.4.e of the Stormwater Control Bylaw requiring the installation of a five foot high fence around the infiltration basin illustrated on the plan submitted to the Commission dated February 9, 2016 entitled Flagg Street Extension Definitive Plan, Boylston MA 01505; Dan Duffy seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vouchers were approved.

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Correspondence was reviewed. Mark Coakley made a motion to sign the Occupancy Permit for 1 Compass Circle (Lot 61); Rebecca Longvall seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Mr. Haynes will be asked to attend the March meeting with an update on the project (how many square feet are open in Phase 1 with no vegetation, and plans for Phase 2).

Land Stewardship Town Article (update) – Joe McGrath presented the article to the Board of Selectmen earlier tonight. They would not accept it as written. Town Counsel said the language the BOS wants in there is not acceptable for the article. They wanted all the potential land use restrictions and non-restrictions that Conservation would impose on the land but, until we go through a hearing process and create a land use plan, can't guarantee what would be put in the article would stand. The BOS is convinced that the status of the land as it is right now is sufficient for what it needs to be. Joe explained that without a land use policy in place, should someone be hurt, the town is liable; they were not concerned about that.

Worcester Sand & Gravel (Mike Trotto) Enforcement Order – No communication was received. Melanie will contact Kim Ames for an Earth Removal Board update. The members agreed to issue a Civil Violation Notice. Mark Coakley made a motion that we issue the fine with the appropriate amount. Upon Joe McGrath's return from the Selectmen's meeting, he said he received a call from Andrew Liston (Thompson & Liston). Mr. Liston received a copy of the Enforcement Order from this board, but not the Earth Removal Board. He is working on it and acknowledged that he will submit a filing. Joe will contact Mr. Liston for an update. Issuing a Civil Violation Notice was tabled to the next meeting.

114 Nicholas Avenue Complaint (Susan Hudson complainant) – Bill and Susan Hudson were present. Mrs. Hudson said the process began in 2013 and hoped it could be handled amicably. The Hudsons were told that in response to a complaint in the summer, Mr. Rondeau was ordered to file a Notice of Intent to remove the fill placed in the wetland buffer zone and replant wetland plants. The filing has been received and will be heard at the March 21st meeting. They were encouraged to attend that meeting since the Commission can only handle jurisdictional matters; any other violations would be more of a civil matter.

Joe McGrath made a motion to approve the January 25, 2016 as amended; Chip Burkhardt seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

March 21st was confirmed as the next meeting date.

2/18/16 Graves Engineering Site Visit Report regarding Barnard Hill – Mark Coakley agreed with the report. He said they could be more thorough with street sweeping, but the report noted that caps would be put on all the drop inlets which should help.

Joe McGrath made a motion to adjourn; Dan Duffy seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.