



TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

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MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Michele Restino (Co Chair)
Joe Collins
Carol Platenik
Joe Coan
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Roger DeBruyn (Co Chair)
Joseph Gallo
Steve Phifer

Also Present: Peter Whitten, 20 Dunhamtown Palmer Road

Meeting Opens: 7:32 PM – Michele Restino (Co Chair)

7:32 PM Notice of Intent DEP #117-0358: 20 Dunhamtown Palmer (Map 1 A 12.6) – Peter Whitten

Peter Whitten submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) for an addition to a Single Family Home at 20 Dunhamtown Palmer Road (Assessors Map 1 A 12.6). The work includes an addition to a single family house, as well as the permitting of a previously constructed riding rink. The proposed work is in the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and in the Riverfront Area of Penny Brook; resource areas regulated under M.G.L. Chapter 131, §40.

Michele Restino re-opened the public hearing and property owner/representative Peter Whitten was present.

MassDEP had no further comments on the additional information Mr. Whitten provided to demonstrate compliance with the Riverfront Redevelopment Standards.

Motion made by Joe Coan to approve the project AS A Riverfront Redevelopment under 310 CMR 10.58(5), and issue the Order of Conditions, with special conditions for DEP #117-0358: 20 Dunhamtown Palmer Road

Motion Seconded by Carol Platenik

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Motion made by Joe Coan to close the Public Hearing

Motion Seconded by Joe Collins

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:41 PM Administrative Matters: Other Projects, Monitoring, Enforcements and Violations

1. OSRP Letter of Support: The Commission signed a letter of support for the 2015 Open Space and Recreation Plan
2. Discuss Culvert Training with MS (12/5/2015): The Agent, Michele Restino and Carol Platenik will attended the culvert assessment training with Mark Stinson on Saturday December 5, 2015. Three (3) culverts from the list provided by Highway Surveyor Zach Lemieux were assessed; including: Hollow Road, Dix Hill Road, Dean Pond Road.
3. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) 2016 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) Program: PVPC is soliciting requests for no cost technical assistance for eligible planning and/or regional shared-service projects under the 2016 DLTA program.
4. National Grid 2016 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) & Vegetation Management Plan (VMP): In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06 and 11.07 and Chapter 85 of the Acts of 2000, National Grid has opened a 45 day public review and comment period on the 2016 YOP. This comment period gives communities an opportunity to provide information that help identify additional areas that may require specific precautions or protection. In Brimfield, ROW # 1201 (Ludlow T/L - Carpenter Hill Line) is proposed for treatments. The agent will review the maps of the area and provide comments for the next Meeting Scheduled for December 30, 2015.
5. EO 562: On March 31, 2015 the Baker Administration announced Executive Order 562 (EO) (To Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burden). This EO requires all government agencies to review all regulations (CMRs) and demonstrate that each regulation 1) Has a clearly identified need best addressed by the agency; 2) Cost of the regulation don't exceed the benefits; 3) Regulation doesn't exceed federal requirements or duplicate efforts; 4) There are no less restrictive alternatives; 5) The regs don't adversely affect MA competitiveness; 6) The agency has an established process and schedule for measuring the regulation's effectiveness; and 7) The regulation is time-limited or had a regular review. Each agency has to prepare a business/competitiveness impact statement for each regulation. Any regulation not meeting those standards will sunset on March 31, 2016. The EO also requires that the Secretary of Administration and Finance (SAF) will establish a process for accepting public comment. SAF has just announced the creation of the on-line portal to accept and solicit public comment regarding all MA laws. The portal can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/anf/a-clearer-code-regulatory-reform.html>

Set Next Meeting Date: Wednesday December 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Office Closed: Monday December 21, 2015 – Friday December 25, 2015

Meeting adjourned 7:57 PM –

Motion made by Joseph Coan to adjourn 7:57 PM
Motion was seconded by Carol Platenik
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted
Angela Panaccione, Conservation Agent