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Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

Minutes of September 20, 2016

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Corey Wisneski; Robb D'Ambruoso; Mickey McGonagle; Holly Morris

Members Absent: Sam Butcher; Scott Zoltowski

Staff Present: Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Susan Ossoff, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING; KANE; 223 CHANDLER STREET; ADDITION AND LANDSCAPING SE18-1748

Mark Casey of South Shore Survey described the project which is an addition in a 200' Riverfront Area and a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. There is a net 659 square feet of additional impervious coverage in the Riverfront area and they propose to do mitigation plantings. The garden which is currently on Town-owned land will be abandoned at the end of the growing season. Holly Morris asked if any trees were removed on the Town's land; Mark Casey said that trees were actually planted on that property. For mosquito control the applicant has cleared the stream and along the bank on the Town-owned property. Joe Grady said the Town-owned property is under the control of the Board of Selectmen; the applicant has been asked to stop using it and to put a fence, shrubs, trees or some form of demarcation to delineate where the property line is.

Tom Gill suggested concrete markers could be put in to mark the property line rather than a fence or trees. Joe Grady said this is a Riverfront resource area, there is ~650 square feet of additional coverage and they are proposing 2500 square feet of mitigation area. Mr. Kane, the property owner, expressed concern with planting the mitigation area during a drought, and he has an ongoing problem with deer eating his shrubs. Joe Grady suggested the use of species that won't be eaten such as bayberry.

On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 5-0-0 to write Orders of Conditions for 223 Chandler Street, SE18-1748.

DUXBURY WETLANDS REGULATIONS AND POLICIES CONTINUING REVIEW

The Commission continued its review of the Rules and Regulations. Sherm Hoyt of 51 Abrams Hill asked about how to submit comments about the proposed regulations; Chairman Wisneski asked that comments be submitted in writing to the Conservation office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MINUTES: June 7, 2016: On a motion by Holly Morris, seconded by Tom Gill, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of June 7, 2016.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION: On September 7, 2016 the Board of Health asked Joe Grady to issue an Emergency Certification allowing the burying of seaweed in the Gurnet Road section of Duxbury Beach. There is a large quantity of seaweed that washed up in the recent storm that is attracting flies on the beach and has a strong odor. Mr. Grady approved the Emergency Certification allowing the DPW will bury the seaweed on the beach.

ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE: 245 GURNET ROAD

Joe Grady explained that the Conservation Office received a complaint about the placement of material beneath the fence on this property. An inspection was done on August 10 which revealed snow fencing and a mounded garden along the base of the stockade fence along the back of your property which violates the terms of the Order of Conditions associated with the placement of the fence which stipulated that there be at least six inches between the bottom of the fence and the ground surface. The property owner was asked to remedy this situation and bring the property into compliance.

Joe Grady said that there is overwash in this area that can reach 3 feet, and property owners cover surfaces with hard surfaces and use fences and landscaping to deflect the overwash which results in it being diverted onto other people's property. There are 230 homes in this area and trying to address these issues is difficult with limited staff time, therefore a letter was sent rather than an enforcement order.

REQUESTED CHANGES TO PLAN: SE18-1702; 245 WASHINGTON STREET

A revised plan for this project was submitted that results in an increase in coverage from 2.8% to 3.3%. The work is more than 80 feet from the wetlands so it meets all the Commission's rules and regulations. Joe Grady recommends the Commission vote to approve the changes. On a motion by Robb D'Ambruoso, seconded by Tom Gill, it was voted 5-0-0 to accept the proposed changes to the plan for SE18-1702, 245 Washington Street.

CONSERVATION FUND EXPENDITURE

Joe Grady explained that at the Jaycox Tree Farm has suffered from this year's drought and more than 600 trees have been lost which represents 26% of the crop. There is a well on the property that was previously installed with money from the revolving fund but there was not enough money to put in irrigation. The pump in the well has failed and needs to be replaced. A decision was made to run some 1 1/4" pipe and add 13 spigots, and then use hundreds of feet of hose to run 15 sprinklers for 24 hours a day. Joe Grady is asking for \$6639.93 from the Conservation Fund and an additional \$3400 will be used from the Jaycox Revolving Fund for this work. A CPA project is being submitted for funding to complete the irrigation system.

On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Robb D'Ambruoso, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the expenditure of \$6,669.93 from the Conservation Fund for well pump replacement and controller and watering supplies for the Jaycox Tree Farm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment: On a motion by Holly Morris seconded by Robb D'Ambruoso, it was voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING

NOI materials for 223 Chandler Street

Draft minutes of June 7

Revised plan for SE18-1702