

Georgetown Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes February 16, 2012

Second Floor Meeting Room

In Attendance: Carl Shreder, John Bell, Paul Nelson, Steve Polignone, Steve Przyjemski, Carol Fitzpatrick

Approvals: MOTION to pay the bills as Steve has pointed out. Bell/Nelson; All/Unam

MOTION to pay the Camp Denison CPC bills. Bell/Nelson; All/Unam

Discussion & Document Signing: Driftway Farm CR for Greenbelt

Vanessa Johnson , Essex County Greenbelt

Ms. Johnson explained that this document went from the Selectman to the state for signing. The state wanted to make clear that the public has access to the property. Jonathan Eichman, of Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige, thought that the changes were significant enough to have it re-signed.

MOTION to resign the modified Driftway Farm Conservation Restriction (CR) and recommend that the Selectman re-sign also. Bell/ Polignone; All/Unam

Blandings turtle research over the past year, partially funded by Concom

Mr. Przyjemski explained that the people did not show up for this meeting. I will reschedule.

Enforcement Discussion: 7 Trestle Way unauthorized tree cutting

Neal Stockwell, Owner

Mr. Stockwell explained we didn't cut down these trees for a better view. I spoke with Affordable Tree Service. I was concerned an old, diseased tree was hanging over the house. He (Charlie Williams) told me the trees needed to come down. Charlie told me that the trees were hazardous and he is an arborist and said Conservation wasn't needed. Mr. Nelson asked, do you ever have tree services come to you Steve? Mr. Shreder asked, what did you base this assessment on? Stockwell: The arborist said that there

were woodpecker holes, rotting and the tree was hanging over my house. Shreder: You have an open OoC that says you cannot do anything else on your property if it isn't an emergency. Mr. Przyjemski stated, you took down 4 trees: 2 large pine trees; the other 2 red maples didn't look like safety issues. It looked to people across the pond that you did vista pruning. Mr. Shreder asked, why is it an issue now? These trees have been here for years. Mr. Przyjemski commented, I will write an Enforcement Order to the tree company and to you. Mr. Shreder explained, we need to issue two enforcement orders as a mechanism for a corrective action. Mr. Nelson commented, we need to get other trees planted in there with a 2:1 mitigation. Mr. Przyjemski added, he has also been pruning the sweet pepper bushes. Mr. Stockwell explained, I prune them once a year around the 4th of July. I have been procrastinating on the plantings I have been meaning to plant and this will make me do that. I had been discussing this with Atlantic Engineering. We have been living there for 35 years. It really wasn't vista cutting. Mr. Shreder stated, I want you to work in the field Steve. Pine trees tend to snap, plant something bigger than seedlings.

Approvals: September 15 meeting minutes

MOTION to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes with changes. Bell/Polignone; All/Unam

Public Hearings:

97 Tenney Street (GCC-2011-20; DEP 161-0733) – cont. NOI

Robert Lynch, Atlantic Engineering Consultants Inc.

Mr. Lynch explained, at the last meeting you wanted to have the catch area enlarged. There is a silt barrier around it. The plans have the new barrier. I addressed storm water management, each of the issues were addressed. There is not much we can do on this site because of the septic system, topography and the water table, etc. We are right at the water table. Mr. Shreder asked, do any of the docks have any sumps in them? Mr. Lynch answered, no they don't, but it has been regarded. There are multiple tenants in this building. More stone is needed to absorb some of the water. Mr. Nelson asked, how big will the stone be? Mr. Lynch answered, 6 inch stone. Mr. Przyjemski asked, does the DEP know about this? They need to know about the changes. We need to have the changes 48 hours prior to the hearing. The Commission can do what they want regarding this. Mr. Lynch explains the storm water management plan. The existing outfall is riprap and the paving is a 4 bay. At the bottom, we are pretty close to the wetlands. There is no increase in discharge. We got rid of some runoff. It is not supposed to infiltrate, but it will. I did a storm water calculation and it comes out a little less. It shows the pre and post calculations. We didn't have any place to do a recharge because of grading and we are at the water table. As for suspended solids, we did a 4 bay and re-sweeping with no pesticides and herbicides. Mr. Shreder asked, does he plan to maintain stockpiles of sand and salt? Mr. Lynch answered, he doesn't

stockpile anything there. They recycle PVC in a dumpster on site. Mr. Shreder asked, is there a cover on it? Mr. Lynch answered, no, it will hold water. The silt sock is the erosion control. Mr. Polignone asked, are you just repaving over the existing site? Mr. Lynch answered, it has been repaved. We have just made improvements. We do a re-sweeping even though this year there is really no sand. Mr. Shreder commented, I do like the improvement. We have to wait for DEP comments on the changes.

MOTION to continue 97 Tenney Street, GCC-2011-20, to March 15th at 7:30 pm. Bell/Nelson; All/Unam

186 East Main Street (lands behind New Life Church) – (GCC-2012-01; DEP 161-0736) – cont. NOI

Lou Mammolette, Engineer

Jim DiMento, Chairman, Park & Recreation, Town of Georgetown

Mr. Mammolette explained, we don't have anything to present and are working on changes. We are working with the DEP on pulling water out of the pond. Mr. Shreder asked, how much would you pull out. Mr. Przyjemski answered, the DEP are allowing 100,000 gallons per day by permit. We will be under that amount. Mr. Shreder stated, we need to know how that will affect the resources in the area. Mr. Mammolette explained, we don't have any direct guidance from DEP. They consider it a local issue. We are looking for guidance and to explain our intent. We are going to use organic fertilizers. We will be well under the allowed permitted water amount. These ponds are a repository for water. Our ability to irrigate will come from one of two places. Mr. Shreder added, you have a third option, a well. That would be surface water vs. ground water. At this point you are exploring your options and collecting data? Mr. Mammolette answered, I am now doing storm water calculations. In the impervious area, we talked about a rain garden or a 4 bay. The mitigation would be to have a bigger buffer in the wetland area. We also talked about having a rain garden near the buffer by the field, but that is not such a good idea.

That area is pretty flat. We have also had discussions about tree clearing. There are some valuable trees out there. We are trying to get someone to clear it for free. I understood that you don't want to clear the area unless we are ready to do the fields. Mr. DiMento added, we are getting prices to clear. As long as the place is seeded, there would be no erosion. Mr. Shreder commented, we don't want to wipe out a forest in case this doesn't happen. Mr. DiMento added, out of the 32 acres, we are doing as much as we can on the 4.5 useable acres. Mr. Shreder stated, this entire parcel is mitigation as far as we are concerned. Mr. Mammolette asked, how do the waivers work in? Mr. Bell answered, we got a lot of wetlands out of it. You are getting some of the most pristine land out of that deal. Mr. DiMento explained, our concern is to make sure we have enough money to complete the field. We want to do it right.

Mr. Przyjemski commented, Mr. Comiskey believes there is a vernal pool to the north of that area. He plans to submit this to National Heritage this spring after he collects more data. Mr. Shreder added, I

would like to get those pools marked on the site plan. Mr. Mammolette asked, how large do you think this depression is? Mr. Przyjemski added, George Comiskey has noticed that there are several depressions that work as a vernal pool on the lower right of that area. Mr. Mammolette asked, if there are vernal pools in that area, does that jeopardize the whole field or at least the turnaround area? Mr. Shreder commented, depending on the value of that area, we could slide the field over. Mr. Mammolette asked, is there any chance that we could trade areas? Mr. Bell stated, we need to determine that information, if you lose any more area it would be hard to put in any field. Mr. Shreder commented, I'm not a fan of replication; it really doesn't work. Mr. Nelson added, if we take away some land we should give some back. Mr. Mammolette explained, the Park and Recreation knew what they wanted to accomplish, but they didn't know what would fit where. Mr. DiMento added, you took the parcel that had the 100 year flood plan. In our initial meetings with Mr. Bussing, we didn't know what we could do and our plans were very conceptual. Mr. Przyjemski added, we could potentially change the lot lines because I do believe that George Comiskey believes it is a vernal pool area. Mr. Shreder asked, why didn't a wetland scientist find this? Who was it? Mr. Przyjemski answered, Mary Rimmer. You can't always see things off season.

MOTION to continue 186 East Main Street, GCC-2012-01, to March 15th at 7:45 pm. Bell/Nelson; All/Unam

97 Elm Street – (GCC-2012-02; DEP 161-0735) – new NOI

Peter Ogden, Hayes Engineering

Mr. Ogden explained, we gave you the certificate of service. That is all that is required.

Jean Howland, Abutter, 105 Elm Street: I was not notified of this date. I did not receive the second notice. That is why the rest of the abutters are not here. Mr. Shreder stated, the engineers do not choose the date and time, we do.

MOTION to continue 97 Elm Street, GCC-2012-02, to March 15th at 8:00 pm. Bell/Nelson; All/Unam

MOTION to end the meeting at 9:26 pm. Nelson/Polignone; All/Unam