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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: July 15, 2015
MEETING PLACE: Veasey Park Meeting Room
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, J. Aalto, T. Schaefer
MEMBERS ABSENT: Keene, T. Grim
GUESTS: none
RECORDER: Hauss

(Action Taken :)

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Schaefer seconds the motion.

(Voted: 3-0).

Site Visit and Enforcement Issues

- 1.) **800 Salem St.-** A complaint regarding dumping landscaping materials in the buffer zone. A letter was sent to Mark Knight, the owner of this property. The owner didn't know there were wetlands on his property. Grass clippings were dumped in the back of my land. Schaefer would like to do a site walk to see if it adversely is affecting the area. A site walk is scheduled for Thursday, July 30. The neighbor who complained was present for the meeting.
- 2.) **8 Pecker Lane-**There is run-off going onto Main Street and into the Merrimac River. Dempsey asked for the owner to put down hay bales. The owner wanted to put up silt sock. He is looking forward to a catch basin on the road. He has been in touch with the Highway Dept. The street has always had this problem. Dempsey said we will send you a letter for your records.
- 3.) **754 Salem St.-**The site is in compliance. This goes back to July 13.
- 4.) **2 Morrow Lane-** Driveway Question
Richard Lombard is the owner who placed recycled asphalt (10ft.) wide last summer. The snow plow did a job on this asphalt. He would like to lay new asphalt over the recycled one. It is a standard mix. He is just paving the same area.

(Action Taken:)

Schaefer motioned to pave over the original recycled asphalt which is approximately 500ft. Jeff seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

- 5.) **Lower Center St.** Dempsey will email the report to the commissioners regarding the \$5,000.00 grant.

There are 2 issues:

- 1.) The Fire Dept. would like us to remove the 2 grills in the picnic area.
- 2.) Due to complaints of some residents, the Selectmen would like to have the picnic tables taken out. This will make it a more passive area. A new sign was hung stating "No Swimming, No Barbeque. All canoes and boat can launch on the Washington Street.

Dempsey said he would like to leave the picnic tables but remove the grills.

Aalto said what do we want that area used for? I don't want to discourage people from using the area.

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motioned to have grills removed. Aalto seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

Dempsey motioned to leave the picnic tables on site. Dempsey will send a letter to the Selectmen stating the Conservation Commission will revisit the issue in October.

Aalto seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

- 6.) **GRDA/RDA-filed by Con Edison-Solar Fields.** The hearing opened at 7:27 p.m. They are requesting for limited tree cutting. Pine trees have come into the south side of the solar farm which is impeding on the solar energy being collected. They are asking to have some pine trees be cut. The wood turtles don't like the pine trees. The turtles like the low scrub habitats
No equipment will be brought in. They will just cut and drop the trees away from the turtles. Dempsey said the overall impact will be good and the atmosphere will be controlled.

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motioned that there is no impact and the plan as submitted will be allowed on the property. Aalto seconds the motion. **(Vote: 3-0).**

- 7.) **14 Pandora Drive- RDA-** Bob Grasso of Engineering Land Service is representing the property owner. Title 5 Inspection had failed. The wetlands were flagged. The home is a 3 bedroom home. There are 2 leach pits in the backyard. The system is a raised system. They are proposing hay bales for erosion control. Schaefer was there for an inspection. It is a very low impact. The yard is flat and there is no tree cutting. The drainage pattern will stay the same. The clearing does not go through the wetlands.

(Action Taken:)

Schaefer motions for a negative determination on 14 Pandora Drive on plans submitted and erosion controls need to go into effect. Aalto seconds the motion. **(Vote: 3-0).**

- 8.) **22 Pandora Drive-GNOI, MA.DEP-** Bob Grasso is representing the property owner. DEP has a number (030-0434) with no comments. The Board of Health approves. This property has 3 bedrooms. The septic system Title 5 is in failure. The existing system will be crushed replaced. The system will be raised because of high water table. Hay bales will be placed for erosion control. The shortest distance to wetlands was 32ft. 1 small oak tree will come out.

(Action Taken:)

Aalto motioned to accept the plans as submitted with hay bales and with preconstruction site walk. Schaefer seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

- 9.) **Governors Road NOI** continued from June 17, 2015- Bob Arakalian was present for the meeting. A site visit was completed on June 22, 2015 for reconstruction for the road. The water main will be replaced.

(Action Taken:)

Schaefer motioned to accept plans from June 17 as submitted for Governors Road Infrastructure Improvements. Aalto seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

- 10.) **Greenway Update-** The open Space and Trail Committee is working with the fourth grade students from the Bagnall School to mark the trails on the Maddenly Property.

- 11.) **Center Street Gravel Removal Project-** The Selectmen approved this gravel removal permit. Town Counsel said the gravel permit has to be reissued. The first thing started was the trees were cut and removed on 6 acres. The erosion controls are being worked on now. They need to measure the water table. They will start taking gravel material within 2 weeks. There are 5 grids. There is a bond which is issued. Each grid will be done one at a time.

- 12.) **4 Stonebridge Road-** The owner will remove rocks. The trees have been marked.

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motioned to approve cutting of trees to 75 foot buffer zone. Aalto seconds the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

- 13.) **Tire Removal by Mosquito Control Project-** Northeastern Mass Mosquito Control (NMMC) and Wetlands Management District on Sewall St. (former Aggregate Property) There are 2 or 3 large tire piles by DiBiasi Property. They want to remove the tires. NMMC is already funded by local communities. They took coordinates of the tire piles and they are going to clean up the tires.

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motioned to approve the project (NMMC) to clean the area. Schaefer second the motion. **(Voted: 3-0).**

14.) **441 Main Street-** On July 11, Carl and Tom did a site visit. There construction going on within the 200 ft. buffer zone inside the building. The owner of the float is working on fixing it which was not concerning. Schaefer said they need to talk to Harper and tell him to stack stuff by the river. The driveway was swept and all the garbage got thrown into the brook. Schaefer wants to have a fence up by the rip-rap so run-off can be controlled. Ground rules need to be set for this site. A scheduled site visit is being made for August. The last float is to be removed by September 1. Schaefer would also like to emphasize that all stabilization needs to be done by November 1.

15.) **Veasey Park Update-** Dempsey said that all the winter repairs done by the vendors will be managed by the insurance company. Dempsey said it may be done in 6 months. It will cost \$2500.00 for the deductible for us to cover.

Other Business:

Schaefer motions to accept minutes from June 17 meeting. Aalto seconds the motion. (Voted: 3-0).

Aalto motions to accept minutes from July 8 meeting with 4 changes noted on the general minutes. Schaefer seconds the motion. (Voted: 3-0).

Aalto motions to accept minutes from May 13 meeting. Schaefer seconds the motion. (Voted: 3-0).

“What Do I File For?”

Dempsey wrote up “What Permit Do I File For? and gave it to the commissioners. He will also email the commissioners the information. This is a guideline for the applicants to follow as to what they need to file for.

“Markers”

The document was updated in 2007.

- 1.) We could allow cement posts instead of granite posts. (Dempsey took out cement posts and added granite posts)
- 2.) Total size- 3 ft. reveal and 2 ft. burial.

(Action Taken:)

Aalto motions to close the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Schaefer seconds the motion. (Voted: 3-0).

Approved: _____



Date: _____

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