



## MEDWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Sanford Hall, Town Hall  
155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053

7:30 P.M.

Minutes

April 10th, 2014

The Medway Conservation Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 10th, 2014 at Sanford Hall. In attendance were members Dave Travalini, Ken McKay, Jen Bosselman, Interim Conservation Commission Agent Bridget Graziano, and Sreelatha Allam, Night Board Secretary

- Call to order at 7:37P.M.
- Mr. Biocchi joined the meeting around 7:53 P.M.

### **Determinations of Applicability:**

- **88 Summer Street – Proposal or High School recreational fields and walking trail**– Present is Mr. Tom Holder from Department of Public Works, Medway, and Sean Boyd, from Gale Associates, Dave Gordon from Peer Consultants. This proposal was brought before the CONCOM commission for discussion, to outline and get direction on the project, and address any concerns of the CONCOM commission. An aerial image of the Medway High School was presented to the commission. The areas of focus for the proposed project (sitting on top of a plateau) are at the existing softball and multi-purpose rectangular fields and the area of undeveloped land to the north. A multi-use trail will be located that follows parallel with the athletic campus and ties into the existing trail. There is a significant grade change between the wetlands, and where the buffers are located to where the proposed project is located. A series of borings have been made within the limits of the proposed project to test the soils. Significant bed rock has been found roughly 3ft – 10ft. in depth below ground elevation. The area south of the proposed project is the existing softball field. Borings were made in this area and it showed ledge elevation at a depth of about 6 – 8ft. There is an isolated wetland located further to the south with a larger wetland that connects to the east. The closest aspect of the project is the multi-use trail which is outside the 100 ft. buffer. Since the proposed project is on top of the plateau there is re-grading around the existing field. The entire project to the north is outside the 100ft. buffer. The current softball field to the south is located within the same footprint. The in-field is being shifted to the corner. A gazebo and walking path with ADA access will be provided from the proposed parking lot. A portion of the field at the southern end is located within the 100 ft. buffer. There is a retaining wall associated with the field along the eastern curb line in order to slope the field at a ½ % slope typical for a synthetic turf field. A portion of the trail goes within the 25ft. buffer associated with the southern wetlands. Mr. Travalini said that any place where the trail will be located within the 25ft. buffer, the commission members, or the interim agent will help them locate the field. Mr. Travalini said that the standard operating procedures such as stock piling locations, erosion controls, need to be updated. He expressed that the Tetra Tech summary of the

storm water grades mentioned some concern about water on one side of the project, both in the existing conditions and in the future. Ms. Graziano said that there is a washout on one of the trails along the existing baseball fields and that the water is reaching the wetland area with high velocity. Mr. Boyd said that synthetic turf fields drain vertically and said any water that hits synthetic turf fields will drain into stone base. There is approximately 10 inches of stone beneath the synthetic turf carpet and the storm water run-off is stored within that base. Mr. Travalini asked if Gale Associates had addressed Tetra Tech's comments on storm water grades. Mr. Boyd said that all comments will be re-submitted at the first planning board meeting to be held on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Gale Associates will be meeting again on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with the Planning Board, and Tetra Tech to review the comments. The revised plans will be submitted to the planning board for Tetra Tech to review. Ms. Graziano enquired about the specifications for the trail. Mr. Boyd explained that the proposal is to remove the top soil and bring the stone dust trail to match with the existing trail. It's a 6-7 ft. (approximately) wide stone dust path that meets up with the existing trail. Ms. Graziano asked if it was possible to use different types of material in sensitive areas. Mr. Travalini suggested crusher run gravel should be used; it compacts really well and does not move. Mr. McKay enquired if there will be any signage provided in the wetland resource areas. Under existing conditions there are erosion issues and wetland violations, Ms. Graziano asked as to who will take care of those issues. She said until any construction activity starts, straw bales and silt fencing should be installed in the area so that the water flow will not bring the stone dust to the wetland area. She said if the fields are vacuumed out on a regular basis, the whole storm water system will become non-functional. They should be groomed for sediment and this is a requirement of the planning board as part of the storm water management plan. Rob Pearl, Athletic Director at Medway High School asked if he could receive a list of requirements that need to be accomplished. Ms. Graziano said that the wetland line was not accurately de-lined as required in the application. She said that the commission can choose to say that they are not going to confirm the line but will still have to approve the project. Mr. Biocchi said that it not critical to worry about the lines. The re-submitted plans to the planning board should include the crusher run in the trail, detail on the erosion control, silt fencing, orange snow fencing in the new field to mark off the 100 ft. line, straw bales and silt fence in the jurisdictional areas. There was some discussion about issuing the order as a non-punitive enforcement order versus conditional enforcement order. CONCOM members decided on issuing a conditional order.

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to issue negative request for determination with 4 conditions that should be satisfied prior to issuing the determination, the conditions being; all the general storm water concerns are addressed to Tetra Tech's satisfaction, general storm water( tetra tech) walking trail on the southern end of the project is cited by a member of CONCOM or by the conservation agent along with the applicant, the erosion controls in the soft ball field be installed now to prevent further impact to the wetlands, when construction starts the current wetland violations should be cleaned by hand according to current laws, pending the receipt of the plan, seconded by Mr. McKay. Unanimous.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Travalini to come back to the meeting after the commission comes out of the Executive Session. On roll call, the vote was as follows:**

**VOTED: Ken McKay Yes**  
**Tony Biocchi Yes**  
**Jen Bosselman Yes**  
**Chairman David Travalini Yes**

**40, 42, 44, 46 Adams Street – Continued Proposal to qualify change in agricultural commodity under the agricultural exemption 310 CMR 10.04** – Present is Mr. George Roland. Mr. Roland enquired when the CONCOM members would be visiting the site as decided in the earlier meeting. Mr. Travalini explained that he made a site visit on March 26, 2014. He said for the most part it was obvious where the wetlands were. However, there are two wetlands on the site, one of which is significant, that are not shown in the map submitted to the commission. The other one is an isolated wetland further east along Adams Street. Mr. Roland asked how the location of the wetlands would ascertain what needs to be done to obtain farmable land. Mr. Travalini said that the next step would be to make a site visit and place some stakes in the ground to know more. He also said that he does not think that this land qualifies as an agricultural exemption according to some relevant material he read. It does not mean that it cannot be used as an agricultural land, but that they cannot go into the wetlands and disturb them. There might be some gaps in the allowed agricultural land. Mr. Diebus suggested that the CONCOM members should visit the site as soon as possible to make a determination. Mr. Travalini asked if organic manures are used as fertilizers and asked when they are usually spread. He said that they cannot be spread in winter to protect the wetlands. A site walk has been scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 2:00 P.M.

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue to the April 24th 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Request to Amend Order of Conditions (216-825)** – 4 Fern Path-

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue the amendment of order of condition for 4 Fern Path (DEP # 216-825) to the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous**

**Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation- 123 Main Street (DEP File # 216-XXX)**  
**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue the 123 Main Street (DEP File # 216-XX) to the April 24th, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ms. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - 102 Winthrop Street (DEP File # 216-821)** – **Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue the 102 Winthrop Street (DEP File # 216-821) to the April 24th, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Approval of minutes- February 27, 2014, March 13, 2014, and March 27, 2014 –**

**March 27, 2014 minutes-** Mr. Travalini made an amendment to the minutes for the Millstone Village off Winthrop Street (DEP # 216-735). The minutes should include, upon re-submission of the revised plans, Mr. Truax agreed to include more restrictive wetland line whether it's the old or the new line. This line will be added at the very end of the topic in the meeting minutes from March 27, 2014. **Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept the March 27, 2014 meeting minutes with the aforementioned amendment, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept, but not accept for release the executive session minutes of March 27, 2014, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept, but not accept for release the executive session minutes of the March 13, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Ms. Bosselman abstained. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept the March 13, 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept the February 27, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.**

#### **Discussion Items:**

1. FY14 Budget – continued to the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. Schedule Site Visit for projects – For the Medway athletic commission project, a site walk will be made by the commission on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Ms. Graziano will visit the 4 fern path property. Ms. Graziano and the building inspector met with the property owner and the building inspector agreed to issue a partial C.O. until the commission is satisfied.
3. Vote to accept and sign the conservation restriction for Williamsburg Condominium- Mr. Travalini will read the document before it could be voted. Continued to the April 24, 2014 meeting.
4. Schedule a meeting with DEP Circuit Rider to review Regulation Reforms- Ms. Graziano said that commission was working under Pam Marrell as the circuit rider because nobody else has been assigned to the region. Ms. Marrell is making a presentation about the new wetland regulation reforms. Commission will have to schedule a day and time with the Sherborn CONCOM commission so that Ms. Marrell can make the presentation together. Scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> or first week of June, 2014.
5. Route 109 – Mr. Travalini talked about the commission making a visit to look at the proposed replication area. He said it does not have to happen immediately, but should be scheduled after Ms. Graziano accepts the position with the CONCOM commission full time.

**Motion made by Mr. Travalini to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ms. Bosselman. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sree Allam  
Minutes Clerk

**Documents Presented at the March 13, 2014 Public Meeting**

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files.

- Millstone Village (formally Daniels Village) Off Winthrop Street (DEP File # 216-735) – Site Plan