

MEDWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING



**Sanford Hall, Town Hall
155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053
7:30 P.M.
Minutes
November 13th, 2014**

The Medway Conservation Commission (CONCOM) held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 13th, 2014 at Sanford Hall. In attendance were members Dave Travalini, Ken McKay, Tony Biocchi, Conservation Commission Agent Bridget Graziano, and Sreelatha Allam, Night Board Secretary

- Call to order at 7:32P.M.

Mr. Travalini asked if there were items or discussion(s) that need to be added to the meeting agenda. The Agent requested to add a discussion about a Police report that was received in connection with a violation at 2 Mayflower lane involving the dumping of asphalt into the wetland.

Motion made by Mr. McKay to add the above to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.

Meeting Minutes:

October 23, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to approve the October 23, 2014 meeting minutes as amended at the meeting, seconded by Ms. Biocchi. Unanimous.

April 10, 2014

Vote to release and approve executive session meeting minutes of 4/10/2014-

Motion made by Mr. Biocchi to approve the April 4, 2014 executive session meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to release the April 4, 2014 executive session minutes, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.

Public Hearings:

Continued Notice of Intent – 257 Village Street (DEP File # 216-832) – Proposal to install an e-one pump unit, force main, and sewer manhole structure The Agent reported that Mr. Spink requested this hearing to be continued to the December 11, 2014 meeting at 7:45 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue the 257 Village Street (DEP File # 216-832) to the December 11, 2014 at 7:45PM meeting at the request of the applicant, seconded by Mr. Biocchi. Unanimous.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

7 Iarussi Way (DEP # 216-762) – construction of single family dwelling, driveway, landscaping and utilities – The property owner was not present at the meeting. The Agent reported to the Commission that she conducted a site visit with the representative Joyce Hastings of GLM Engineering. She found that some plantings were placed on the opposite side of the limit of work and found that soils had been thrown toward the wetland resource (down the slope). The Agent noted she has not heard back from the property owner or GLM on the matter but was requested to continue the review from GLM Engineering.. Ms. Hastings is in the process of getting the area cleaned before appearing before the Commission for the review of the Order of Conditions, compliance

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to continue the request for certificate of compliance for 7 Iarussi Way (DEP File # 216-762) to the November 25, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ms. Biocchi. Unanimous.

Discussions

New Discussion (unforeseen within 48 hours of the meeting) 2 Mayflower Lane in wetland resource area- The property owners of 1 Mayflower Lane reported to the police that asphalt has been dumped on the property at 2 Mayflower Lane. The Agent reported to the Commission that after some initial investigation, it was determined that the violation occurred on 5 Rob Way. She contacted David Newton, the property owner of 5 Rob Way. The firm responsible for the violation has agreed to clean up the dumped asphalt. Since the incident occurred in the wetland resource area, the Agent will make a site visit to assess the area and document the extent of violation. She noted that dependent on the extent of the violation, she may issue an enforcement order with steps required to clean up. If the violator is not responsive to remediation then the non-criminal ticketing procedure 21D will be issued.

Amendment to Athletic fields at High School Proposed Trails- Thomas Holder, Medway Department of Public Works (DPW) Director appeared before the Commission with Sean Boyd from Gale Associates to discuss the new location of the trail at the Athletic fields and the storm water issue on preliminary design of the east edge of the South field. They presented a revised plan showing the amendment (trail location) was

presented to the Commission. Mr. Boyd described the new trail location on the plan and noted the wetland line depicted on the plan in blue. The new trail hugs the tree line as indicated in the plan and comes close to 5-10 feet from the wetland line. Mr. Holder stated the trail in the original plan is located adjacent to the North field and the desire is to get away from the wetland area. There was discussion about leaving the trail in a natural state versus using crusher run or using a combination of both. Mr. Boyd stated that 5% slope requirements for trails to be ADA compliant. The Agent stated if the decision is to implement crusher run then care should be taken to see that material does not end up in the wetlands and recommended using orange fence around the limit of the work. The Agent stated that the Commission needs to amend the letter referencing the new plan.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini to accept the amendment as per the plans with an addition to condition #5 on the original order of conditions, the condition being that the trail shall be made with crusher run, seconded by Mr. McKay. Unanimous.

Mr. Holder and Mr. Boyd began discussions on the proposed changes to the areas where stormwater discharges from the existing stormwater retention basin. This was approved and discussed by the Commission in the original Determination, as there were requirements for cleanup of sediment from the buffer zone and wetland. Mr. Boyd noted that although the work for stormwater improvements is proposed for outside the Commission's jurisdiction there were effects to the buffer zone and wetland, therefore, the Commission is now involved in the proposal. Mr. Holder stated that the proposed new location of the trail is to divert the excess water from storm events to the other side so that the new trail is not eroded. Pipe size has been increased from 12 inches to 15 inches and will be directed through piping to a level spreader to reduce velocity. Under the existing conditions there are some erosion control issues. A swale will be created and the walkway from the trail will be graded back to the swale. Mitigation measures are being put in place to deal with the erosion control issue under existing conditions. The Agent stated that the basin on the south side of the field possibly needs maintenance/cleaning. The Commission discussed the original proposed plantings. Mr. Boyd reported that there will be 48 varieties of plantings within the swale. Mr. Holder stated that loam will be put in the swale and plantings will be done on the west side of it. Plantings near the parking lot will be put on hold until the next spring. The Agent questioned a new area of erosion that was discovered. About Mr. Holder stated that there was piping that has since been removed that he feels caused this erosion. Mr. Holder noted that there is additional loam available that could be used for other purposes.

Agent's Report:

Millstone Development Report- The Agent made a site visit. She reported to the Commission that currently there are two houses under construction. A stone wall in the front of the property, the retaining wall along the wetland, and stormwater detention basins have been constructed. This is a five phase construction spread out over the course of next few years. The storm water detention basin has been put in along with the retaining wall. Everything is seeded and the erosion control lines have held well. The Agent drafted email status reports to the contractor, the property owner, the Medway Planning Board and the Town Administrator. The catch basin nearby with silt sacks or filter fabric were checked and need to be cleaned, the Agent suggested this be checked more often. The Agent discussed with the Commission about a person who has been trespassing and cutting the orange fence line being cut every 50 feet which becomes the developer's problems for repair. She reported that at this time it is not an issue but it will be important as the development increases and weather gets snowier, as this allows for the operators to navigate on the site and

to understand where the limit of work or erosion control line is. The Agent's concern about the snow removal and degradation of the erosion controls is being properly addressed. The Agent mentioned that there was an issue with the erosion control line and an animal borrowing under the erosion control line. This would need to be fixed before the projects moves to a stage where they are working within this vicinity.

The Commission asked about issues with erosion controls and Vernal Pools. Mr. Travalini stated that the vernal pools if there are any must be staggered to let creatures such as salamanders to move easily through the erosion controls. He also added that large straw bale lines near the vernal pools should be created for easy migration of these creatures during spring time. The discussion included a topic on the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and the requirement to file for Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA). The Agent stated that a letter from the builder should be requested for the NHESP before the hearing closes. Mr. Travalini stated that this letter might not be mandated since the MESA requirement is a State regulation. There was discussion about any relevant regulation(s) that will give the CONCOM Commission the authority to put the project on hold if a vernal pool is present.

**Motion made by Mr. McKay to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Biocchi @ 8:30 P.M.
Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sree Allam
Minutes Clerk

Documents Presented at the November 13, 2014 Public Meeting

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files

Meeting minutes from April 4, 2014 Executive Session

Amendment to Athletic fields at High School Proposed Trails -

- Medway Conservation Commission Findings and Conditions Summary
- WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability
- Revised Layout Plans submitted by Gale Associates