



Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Mr. Weiss, Chair, called the Tuesday, July 8, 2014, meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:30 PM in Room 14 of the North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA.

Members Present: Marty Weiss, Chairman
Tim Allen, Member
Jonathan Cody, Member

Absent: Lori Mitchener, Vice Chair
Tom Romeo, Member

Staff Present: Kathy Morgan, Admin. Asst.
Leah Basbanes

Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

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Mr. Cody moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes of May 14, 2014.

69 Chestnut St./0 Carpenter Dr.

The property owner wasn't present. Ms. Basbanes reported to members that there is no work going on and there are violations present. There are no erosion controls present and there are stock piles. Ms. Basbanes talked to Jack Sullivan the engineer for the project and told him she was giving the owner until yesterday to clean up the site. Nothing was done.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;



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that the Conservation Commission allow their agent to prepare an Enforcement Order for 0 Carpenter Dr./69 Chestnut St. for verbal approval before serving.

226 Haverhill St

The homeowners were present. Ms. Basbanes reported to members that there is a potential violation at the site. Vegetation was cut, fill brought in and there has been grading in the wetland and possibly the floodplain. The Jenkins, the homeowners, have hired LEC and concurred that work was done and the wetlands filled. There is a plan in process to remove 6-8 inches near the wetlands and put plants in. Ms. Basbanes said that fill was not excavated, but fill was brought in. There is a stream/drainage ditch on the edge of their property and fill was placed approximately 3' from that. Mr. Jenkins said that trees were removed because they were infested with bugs and some fell down. Straw waddles are in place. The wetlands have been flagged and the owners advised of the 12' no disturb zone. Ms. Basbanes will meet with consultant at the site and LEC will submit a remediation plan or sketch with measurements. The owners want to start work as soon as possible. The Commission stated that they would like work to be in process if not completed by September 16th.

0 Pichard Lane, parcel C

George Galligher, from Habitech was present. This parcel is a part of the Forest Park Estate subdivision. When the roadway was approved, nothing was done with this parcel and it was going to go to an abutter but restrictive covenants say it has to go to Conservation. Mr. Galligher is asking that the Conservation Commission relinquish the property to the abutter. Mr. Allen would agree to that as long as the property remains in its current state and the legal documents stipulate that. The documents will also need to be signed by the appropriate individual for signature. Mr. Galligher was asked to revise the attorney's write up and the Conservation Commission would sign off the rights to the property. Mr. Galligher will also have to get a minor modification change from the Planning Board within the covenant.

Certificate of Compliance

318 Haverhill Street (245-1438)

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.



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107 Elm Street (245-1451 & 245-1457)

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1, (245-1457).

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for Lot 2 (245-1451), but hold until the signage is up and the erosion controls removed.

76 Main Street (245-1446)

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Public Hearings

46 Chestnut Street – Request for Determination

Rich McGowan, the owner, was present. Mr. McGowan would like to pave his existing gravel driveway. Ms. Basbanes spoke with the owner about how close the wetlands are to the work. She suggested a French drain or some kind of deterrent to keep the silt out. The owner was open to all options. Paving the driveway of 2,600 s.f. will bring the impervious up to 12%. The owner was asked to meet with Ms. Basbanes to adjust the plan when the material to keep the silt out is determined.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with a condition to modify the plan to reflect rip rap at the edge of the driveway closest to the wetlands.



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23 Poplar Terrace – Request for Determination

Robert Reynolds, the owner, was present and explained the work needed to repair the septic system on the property. The only work within the buffer is a trench from the house to the chamber.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with one condition that Ms. Basbanes inspect the pipe in the trench prior to being covered back over.

162 Park Street – ANORAD (245-xxxx)

Maureen Hanley, from Norris Environmental was present for the applicant. Ms. Hanley explained that the application was filed to determine that there are no wetlands on the site. On a previous filing, DEP disagreed with the FEMA elevation and they would like to establish the 100 year FEMA elevation in this area is at 67.8, with 10 year being 65.6. The State calculated or viewed it by 68.1 100 yr. and at observation 69.2. Mr. Allen noted that other than FEMA elevations, no other scientific work has been done. Ms. Hanley said, no.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission accept the floodplain calculation as presented by FEMA and that no BLSF, Isolated Wetland or Bordering Wetland exists.

Hillview Country Club – Request for Determination

Brian Vicarsi, an Irrigation Consultant, explained the process for replacing the irrigation system. The current system is 50 years old, insufficient and needing repairs. Almost all of the work is within the existing maintained course. The irrigation will be 22 inch cover and 16 inch cover with no change in grade. Anything visible will be taken out, everything else will stay. They hope to start in April and work should be completed by the end of April.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Cody, and voted 3-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue a Negative 3 Determination with no conditions.



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Adjourn

Mr. Cody moved seconded by Mr. Allen, and voted unanimously in favor;
that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM

Approved _____

Dated _____