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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2012

Present: Dave Perry, Scott Pennoyer, Robert Materne, Krisna Prachanronarong and David Evans;
Conservation Agent Leeann Bradley

Absent: Thomas Nicholson, Alan Gosselin, Karl Drown – Assoc. Member

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited at 7:03p.m.

CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

185 Summer Street, Blais – Matthew Blais, property owner, appeared before the Commission in response to correspondence mailed to him requesting his attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. Blais stated that he owns a landscaping company and occasionally brings home heavy equipment that remains on a trailer. The equipment is not used on this property. He has been burning brush recently in an already cleared area which may be within the 100' buffer zone. Mr. Blais is aware of the wetland boundary and has not done any work within the wetland. The Commission agreed that no violation has taken place on this property.

Silveira, 545 Winthrop Street – Mr. Perry showed the members of the Commission the plan and what has been going on over the past few weeks. Mr. Silveira has removed all the debris and machinery. The excavator was supposed to bring the grade back to its original grade. Mr. Perry talked to the operator of the excavator who stated that he understood what final outcome was supposed to be. Unfortunately, it was not done properly. Mr. Silveira stated that some of the stakes were missing and Mr. Perry put them back in. The area in question needs to be excavated another eighteen (18") inches. The project is about 90% completed. There is another one or two days' worth of work to be done. The excavating needs to go to the 25' buffer line, use the peat in the area and seed it. Mr. Materne stated this property has the largest violation in the town in the past twelve and a half years. The Commission agrees that a fence needs to be constructed at the 25' buffer line. The Commission will visit the site and meet with the machine operator and show him where and to what depth he needs to excavate. Mr. Perry stated that Mr. Silveira can use the material from the filled wetlands area to spread in the 25' buffer. This needs to be done by the next meeting on May 15, 2012. There is a two year time frame for the restoration area to be successful. This will be looked at every season. The Commission members will take a look at this one night during the next week.

GENERAL BUSINESS

178 Summer Street – Salem Five Bank – Mr. Perry and Mr. Materne stated that there is an extensive tire dump located on this property and most likely extends onto other properties as well. The Commission is working with the Board of Health on this issue. This is being brought to the attention of DEP as it looks to be a bigger issue than the town can handle on its own. Ms. Bradley issued an Enforcement Order to the current owner, Salem Five Bank, informing them of the violation and to request their attendance at tonight's meeting. A representative called Ms. Bradley and stated that they could not make this meeting but will have someone at the meeting of May 15, 2012. Ms. Bradley stated that the Commission should ratify the Enforcement Order so that it is on record with the bank. If the bank were to sell this property, they would need to disclose that an Enforcement Order had been issued for this property. This potentially protects any future buyer. Mr. Materne motioned to ratify the Enforcement Order. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

186 Winthrop Street – Ratify Enforcement Order – Susan and John Cameron, property owners, were present. An Enforcement Order had been sent to the Cameron's requiring them to cease and desist all activity within 100' of the wetland resource area and to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Perry stated that the Commission had received a complaint a few weeks ago. Mr. Perry stated that it looked as though sand and gravel had been pushed over the bank and into the wetland. Mr. Cameron stated that over the past few weeks he has removed over 100 tires, car parts, glass bottles and other debris from the property as well as from the wetlands. Mr. Cameron stated that he has a few more tires to remove but will make sure that no debris or gravel is pushed over the bank into the wetlands. The Commission agreed to not ratify the Enforcement Order but would like to take a look at the site. They will visit during their site visits on Sunday, May 13, 2012. No further enforcement action will be taken on this matter.

Bluemead Properties – 18 Mason Street – tree cutting discussion – Mr. Pennoyer stated that he had spoken with the property owner who would like to cut some dead and/or fallen trees and mill them into fence posts for use on their property. The Commission would like to take a conduct a site visit to see which trees will be taken down. The Commission will meet individually and informally during the week.

FY 2013 Salary/Budget Discussion – The salary amount for the Agent/Planner listed in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting is incorrect. Both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board agreed to submit a FY2013 salary amount to the town in the amount of \$55,363. Mr. Pennoyer stated that every year the 53E1/2 revolving account should be given to the general fund and that amount should be put towards the Agent's portion of the salary. That was not done last year as the Commission paid for the Perryville Dam inspection and report.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

None

MINUTES

February 7, 2012
February 21, 2012

Mr. Materne motioned to approve the above listed minutes. Mr. Pennoyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INVOICES

W.B. Mason – office supplies - \$53.33
ARC – large copier meter reading - \$16.62
The Supplies Guys – laser printer cartridge - \$50.59

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to pay the above listed invoices. Mr. Materne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Materne motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,

David Perry, Chairman

Robert Materne, Vice Chair

Scott Pennoyer

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