

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2015**

Present: Pat Elwell, Donna Jensen, Brad Jones, Bill McCarthy, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe, Bob Keating, Town Planner Lincoln Daley

### **Public Session**

The public session was called to order at 7:05pm.

### **16 Coach Road Drainage Easement Repairs**

Wetland Scientist Chris Albert from Jones and Beach was there representing the property owners of 16 Coach Road. The home was built in 1988. There is a culvert under the road and a drainage ditch easement on the property. Over time the drainage ditch location has shifted on the property to an area just a few feet from a fence around the perimeter of the homeowner's in the ground pool, and the ditch has a very high bank that has eroded.

Mr. Albert provided a draft NHDES wetland fill permit for review; the area of wetland fill is approximately 500 sq feet; the total area of impact is approximately 3000 sq feet. The proposed rebuilt drainage ditch will be relocated to a safe distance away from the fence, and reconstructed to have a 4:1 slope. The drainage ditch slope will be rebuilt using stabilization mats and seeded with a wetland seed mix.

The Conservation Commission scheduled a site walk for 6pm on Wed June 24.

### **Rollins Hill Development**

Following the June 4 planning board meeting to review the Rollins Hill residential development project plan, the Planning Board voted to hire a third-party consultant to review some areas of the development plan where wetland delineations were in question due to the disturbances at the project site. The decision was due to the fact that the Rollins Hill developer/Frank Richardson site walk occurred in the absence of any one from the town in attendance. All the wetlands will not be re-delineated. The wetland consultant is Cindy Balcius from Stony Ridge, LLC.

Questions for the wetland consultant as discussed by the Commission and Lincoln Daley:

Directional buffers appropriate for the wetlands on this site?

Are fences appropriate as suggested in the project plan? Are there fence installation considerations so close to wetlands?

What are the consultant's impressions of the retaining wall in the 25 foot not disturbance zone? For septic fields and lawns located in the buffer?

What are the consultant's impressions of the wetland impact buffer recommendation of 750 feet for the Atlantic white cedar swamp/vernal pools by the conservation commission?

### **Municipal Updates**

#### **Grant Applications**

Lincoln Daley and Paul Deschaine completed 2 grant applications on June 5. The first was a PREP Action Item Grant to receive funding that would be put towards re-evaluation and re-writing of the town's wetland setback regulations. Horsley Witten has been hired by the town to this end. The second was a PTAP grant that will provide funding to assist with re-evaluation and re-writing of the town's storm water regulations.

**Stratham Hill Park**

There is logging occurring at the Barker's Farm in the area of the bicycle trails.

At 8:15pm Pat moved and Bob seconded a motion to move into nonpublic session. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:33pm the nonpublic meeting was adjourned and the meeting minutes were sealed.

At 8:33pm Pat moved and Bob seconded a motion to adjourn the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2015 at 7pm at the municipal center.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jensen