



TOWN OF WINTHROP CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF MEETING 7:30 P. M. – October 29, 2014 Joseph Harvey Hearing Room Winthrop Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Mary Kelley, Chairperson, Stephen Machcinski, Norman Hyett, Karen Winn, Wayne George, Brian Corbett, Michael Rinaldi.

Meeting with DPW, Paul O'Donnell and David Crispin, BSC Group to discuss request for change in the Town of Winthrop Notice Intent application for the Veterans Rd, Project-DEP File #082-0408. (Letter attached).

Commission had many questions regarding the berm height, pesticides in soil, health issues and the role of the Northeast MA Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District has in performing this project. Mr. O'Donnell & Mr. Crispin responded to these questions stated that Northeast MA Mosquito Control work comes under MGL Section 40.

The Commission would like the soil tested. Mr. Crispin will contact Northeast regarding this question.

The Commission all agreed that this request is a significant change. The Town of Winthrop must submit a letter with a request for an Amended Order of Conditions, DEP File #082-0408 to include the response with results from Northeast MA Mosquito regarding the test of the soils.

Vote to Close the following hearings:

1. David O. Landers, 583-585 Shirley Street, DEP File #082-0414 – No vote to close. Required additional information has not been submitted to the Commission for review. Must submit confirmation of response to DEP comments.
2. Jack Marchese, Capt. Jack's Viking Marina, 554 Pleasant Street, DEP File #082-0407 – No vote to close. Required additional information has not been submitted to the Commission for review. Must submit sign off from building inspector; waste management plan and boat plan layout.

Write Special Conditions for the following Order of Conditions signed by the Commission:

- a. Robert & Lauretta Porter, 135 Sargent Street, DEP File #082-0417
- b. Town of Winthrop, 707 Shirley Street, Winthrop Harbor Public Access Boat Launch Facility, DEP File #082-0415
- c. Massport, Winthrop side of Logan Airport, DEP File #082-0420
- d. Celeste A. Sillari, 111 Grovers Ave. DEP File #082-0419

Discuss violations for work performed without prior authorization from the Commission for the following:

- a. John Biggio, 23 Francis St. – repair of finger floats. Michael Rinaldi, Motion to file a Request for Determination of Applicability application; Norman Hyett, 2nd the Motion; Unanimous Vote.
- b. Mark Rogers, 7 Corinha Beach Rd. – addition of cement pad. Mary Kelley, Motion to file a Request for Determination of Applicability application; Stephen Machcinski, 2nd the Motion; Unanimous Vote.

Residents to be informed they must submit application. Any further violations, the Commission will issue fines.

MINUTES OF MEETING – VOTE to approve May 28, 2014; June 11, 2014; July 9, 2014; September 10, 2014; September 24, 2014 and October 8, 2014 Minutes of Meeting; Michael Rinaldi, Motion to approve ; Stephen Machcinski, 2nd the Motion, **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00 P.M.



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RE: Veterans Road / Golf Course
Assessor's Parcel 50-4
Order of Conditions # 82-0408

Members of the Commission:

In accordance with Special Condition # 26 of the Order, this letter is to request your determination as to if the proposed construction technique / and who will be completing the work, is significant and has any effect on the Order of Conditions issued on June 2, 2014.

The change is defined as a modification of the organization that will be completing the work and how the work is to be completed.

- The work originally included the removal of vegetation blocking the ditch and removal of surplus material from the site. All work was to be performed by the Town. Now, it is proposed to be completed by excavation of both soil and vegetation and leaving the excavated material on site and forming an earthen berm between the fairway and the ditch. The berm formed of surplus soils is to be placed on existing lawn surface. This area is entirely located within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and will not affect the function of the flood plain.
- The work will be completed by the Northeast MA Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District and not by the Town of Winthrop.

MGL Section 40 states: "The provisions of this section (the Wetlands Protection Act) shall not apply to any mosquito control work done under the provisions of clause (36) of section five of chapter forty, of chapter two hundred and fifty-two or of any special act."

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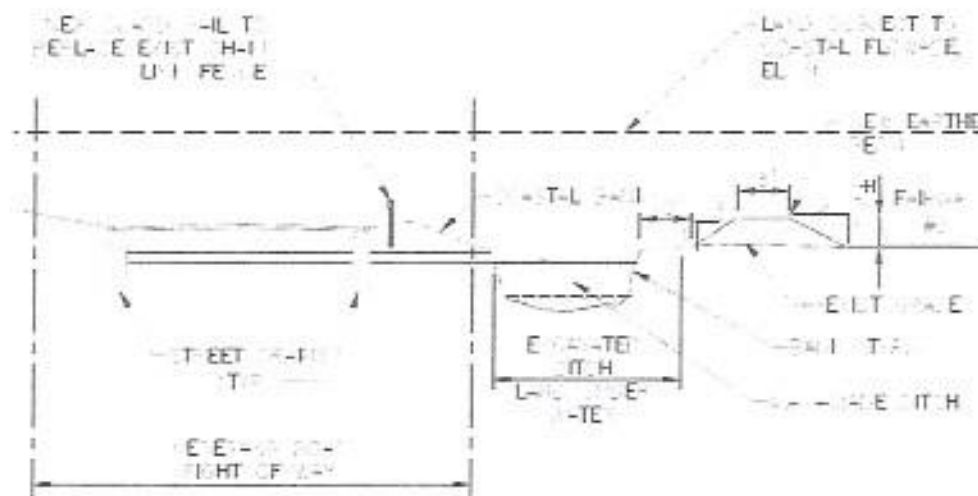
Surveyors



Beyond the legal exemption that allows the work to proceed, this change has two significant benefits:

- 1) It provides a significant cost savings to the town of Winthrop, and,
- 2) It provides a simple berm protecting the fairway from coastal storm overflow (over-wash) coming from the east. Such over-wash has been a historical problem resulting in damage to the fairway even in low return period storms.

The intent is to form the berm generally as shown below and such a configuration to allow it to be mowed by mowing equipment. It is believed that regular mowing of the berm will extinguish any emerging phragmites that might be in the earth removed by Mosquito Control. (This has proven effective on this site as there is no phragmites growing on the western shore of the ditch where it is mowed.)



TYPICAL CROSS SECTION/
NEW EARTHEN BERM
SCALE: 1\"/>

We look forward to meeting you on November 5, 2014 to further discuss this in the hope that you will find the change as "not significant" and allow the existing Order of Conditions to stand and have the work completed by the Northeast MA Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District.



Thank you for your cooperation in working to improve the drainage conditions at the site as studies continue to a long-term solution.

Sincerely,

BSC GROUP, INC.

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