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Meeting Minutes June 7, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Paul Byrne

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Brandon Parker, Jason Weksner

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

200 Cox Street, continued NOI, 190-0615

Present: Patrick Manzo, Patrick Burke

Documents:

- Manzo Way (AKA 200 Cox Street), Hudson, MA: Notice of Intent Plans, sheets 1-10; prepared by H.S.&T. Group; signed and stamped by Hossein Haghanizadeh, PE#42529 and Daniel J. Tivnan, PLS #40047; scale 1"=40'; dated 3/14/2018; revised 6/7/2018

The applicant has updated the plans to show a handicap access cut in the road and an overflow for the detention basin. The Planning Board closed their hearing Tuesday night. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

Special Conditions:

- Only native plants shall be planted in the rain garden. The planting list must be approved by the Commission or its agent before any planting begins.
- Straw bales or wattles and silt fence shall be used for erosion control. No hay bales may be used.
- A temporary detention basin shall be constructed at the start of the project. It shall be cleaned out and planted when the rest of the project is complete.
- A 25' x 50' stone apron shall be constructed at the entrance of the project. Erosion control will start at Cox Street and run the length of the project.

38 Temi Road, RDA

Present: Ronald Crane

The applicant proposes to construct a 10'x12' shed near a stream that emerges from a culvert on his property. The applicant will remove grass from the area and put in gravel to level the shed. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

86 Lakeside Ave, continued NOI, 190-0617**Present: Thomas DiPersio, Debbie Winske, Dave Winske**

The Commission had a site visit on May 21. No changes have been made to the plans. The footings for the deck will be hand dug since equipment to install helical screws won't fit around the house into the back yard. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

Mason Street, Sanitary Sewer Improvement, closed NOI, 190-0617**Present: Austin Turner, Matt Ashley (Bohler Engineering)****Documents:**

- Mason Street at the Assabet River: Hudson, MA; Specification Book; prepared by DBU Construction; dated 6/6/18

The applicant returned to address comments by DEP concerning the risk of inadvertent returns of drilling lubricant. A specification book was submitted that provides a "frac-out plan". The applicant also discussed the possible use of SDR9 pipes instead of the original pipe and sleeve that was approved at the last meeting. SDR9 are highly pressurized pipes that have a smaller footprint so are less invasive than the sleeve but are equivalent or better in strength. Paul Byrne asked that the applicant submit their final plans with an approval letter from DPW Director Eric Ryder before work begins.

101 Coolidge Street, RDA**Present: Muhamed Azeez**

The applicant was granted a Negative Determination in October 2016 to regrade, cut trees, and remove a large rock outcropping in Outer Riverfront to Hog Brook that was blocking visibility of their parking lot. He would now like to pave the cleared area. Paul Byrne asked if the applicant had spoken to Planning Board about the new parking spots. The applicant is not sure how many new spots will be added. Brandon Parker asked if there were limits to the amount of paved surface allowed and if the applicant had discussed the new lot with the Building Commissioner. He has not. Paul Byrne asked if there was a drainage plan for the new lot. There is no engineered plan. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to July 19th at 7:00. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

456 Main Street, RDA

The applicant has submitted an after-the-fact filing for a new septic system that was constructed under an Emergency Certification. Brandon Parker requested that Pam Helinek inspect the property and make sure it is stable and the erosion controls are removed prior to issuing the Negative Determination. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, contingent on the property being cleaned up and stabilized. Second by Dave Mercer, vote 5-0-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from May 17th. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

29 Maple Street, Discussion

Present: Doug Bondeson

The property backs up to Hog Brook by Tripps Pond. There are Bordering Vegetated Wetlands on the back of the property and it is unclear exactly where the wetland line is because of stray skunk cabbage plants. Pam Helinek gave the property owner administrative permission to clean up piles of yard waste, debris and an old fire pit and to landscape the area after it is cleaned. The property owner would like to thin some maple trees in a wooded area behind the area to be cleaned up. The applicant will stake out the area he would like to clear and tie tape around the trees he wants to cut. There will be a site visit on Wednesday, June 13th at 6:00 PM. Commissioners who would prefer to go at a different time should notify the property owner through Pam Helinek. The property owner will file an RDA for the meeting on June 21st.

37 Coolidge Street, 190-0564, Minor Plan Change

The OOC was issued in 2012 for a bank, and was automatically extended under the Permit Extension Act. The current property owner is planning to build a marijuana dispensary in the same footprint, minus the drive through area. The applicant has submitted a Plan Change removing the drive through. Paul Byrne moved to approve the Minor Plan Change, second by Jason Wekser, vote 5-0-0.

Shay Road Lot 37, 190-0295, Certificate of Compliance Request

The project was permitted in 1997 but no work was ever done. The OOC was not recorded, but was mistakenly attached to the house deed of another property and needs to be closed out. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for an invalid OOC – expired with no work done. Second by Brandon Parker, vote 5-0-0.

Fort Meadow Reservoir, herbicide treatment

Solitude Lake Management proposes to do their annual weed treatment on June 12, 2018. Paul Byrne moved to approve the proposed treatment, second by Brandon Parker, vote 5-0-0.

16 Old North Road, appraisal

A property abutting Old North Road Conservation Area has gone on the market. The Community Preservation Commission is potentially interested in buying the property but will not meet in time to move forward. Brandon Parker moved to spend up to \$1500 to have the property appraised, second by Paul Byrne, vote 5-0-0.

Stewardship

- The access trail to Old North Road Conservation Land is becoming overgrown with knotweed. Pam Helinek obtained a quote from Dave's Landscaping to cut and treat a large area of knotweed with herbicide for \$1050. Some of the Commissioners volunteered to try cutting and treating the knotweed themselves, since two Commissioners are certified to apply herbicide. The best time for the treatment is late summer or early fall.
- The top of Danforth Falls has been dammed by beavers and one of the trails is completely flooded. DPW has trapped beavers in this area and broken up the dam multiple times in the past, and they are willing to do it again. The Commission discussed trying a "beaver deceiver" as a more permanent solution. Pam Helinek will research whether a beaver deceiver is appropriate for this location and what it would cost to install it.

OARS request

OARS has sent their annual request for \$2000 to support their work monitoring the Assabet River in Hudson. Brandon Parker moved to give OARS \$2000. Second by Paul Byrne, vote 5-0-0. Paul Byrne specified that the money come from the Conservation Receipts fund.

July 5 meeting – The Commission agreed to cancel the July 5 meeting.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jason Weksner, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.