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Meeting Minutes August 2, 2018

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

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi (arrived 7:05), Jason Weksner

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

101 Coolidge Street, continued RDA

The applicant has requested to continue the hearing until the next meeting. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to August 16 at 7:00 PM. Second by David Mercer, vote 4-0-0.

90 Cherry Street, RDA

Present: Peter Bemis, Engineering Design Consultants

Documents:

- Site Plan, 90 Cherry Street LLC; prepared by Engineering Design Consultants, Inc.; signed and stamped by Walter M. Lewinski, PE# 32327; dated 7/12/18; scale = 1"=30'
- Request for Determination and narrative, 90 Cherry Street; prepared by Peter Bemis, Engineering Design Consultants, dated 7/19/18

The applicant proposes to restore and expand the parking lot within floodplain and Buffer Zone and to add a stairway, with no changes in elevation. One large tree that is growing into the building will be removed. The existing drainage pipes discharge onto the ground; the applicant will install an infiltration chamber and also add a filter strip around the parking area. All work will be outside the 25' Buffer Zone. As additional mitigation, the applicant will remove large stands of knotweed which are growing near the river. One area of knotweed growth will be paved over, another will be covered with a tarp for a year and then planted with native vegetation. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0

Parmenter Road Lot 1, 190-06xx

Parmenter Road, Lot 2, 190-0621

Present: Steve Poole, Lakeview Engineering; Scott Morrison, EcoTec; Kevin O'Malley, developer; Michael Purcell, abutter

Documents:

- Notice of Intent Lot No. 1 – Parmenter Road; prepared by Lakeview Engineering Associates; dated July 19th 2018
- Notice of Intent Lot No. 2 – Parmenter Road; prepared by Lakeview Engineering Associates; dated July 19th 2018, revised August 2, 2018
- Site Plan Lots 1 & 2, Parmenter Road; prepared by Lakeview Engineering Associates; dated 7/13/18; signed and stamped by Tsung Ting Chiang, PE #23891; scale 1' = 20'

The applicant proposes to build two single family homes with septic systems on a wooded lot with a stream and wetlands. DEP has returned comments for Lot 2 requiring a Water Quality Certification.

Work on Lot 1 will require clearing a large number of mature trees, mostly pines, in the Buffer Zone. Approximately one acre will be cleared. The house on Lot 2 is almost entirely outside Buffer Zone, however the septic is within Buffer Zone. The driveway for Lot 2 will require a wetland crossing resulting in 1026 square feet of wetland fill. A replication area of 1131 square feet is proposed. No stormwater management is proposed for the houses, but there will be leach pits along the driveways.

Joe Rodrigues asked about construction of the replication area. He said that the replication area needed to be excavated first, then soils from the wetland fill area brought in the same day. Pam Helinek said that not enough vegetation is proposed for the replication area. Scott Morrison agreed to add some more vegetation including saplings. Paul Byrne asked for details about the tree cutting, especially for the wetland crossing. Joe Rodrigues asked for the number of trees proposed to be cut. Abutter Michael Purcell asked about disturbances to the stream. No work will be done near the stream.

A site visit was scheduled for Wednesday August 8th at 5:30 PM.

Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to August 16th at 7:00. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

Administrative Business**Discussion – 24 Laurel Drive****Present: Jamie Mitchell**

An anonymous caller reported disturbance to the wetland behind 24 Laurel Drive. Pam Helinek observed that a dirt driveway had been constructed going back to the wetland. Property owner Jamie Mitchell said that he had been trying to stabilize the steep drop to the wetland, which had been badly eroding. He was planning to add loam and riprap on the slope.

The Commission agreed that stabilization could be done with administrative approval, if wattles were placed along the bottom of the slope to protect the wetland, to be inspected by Pam Helinek. Pam Helinek will go to inspect the site tomorrow and discuss the required erosion control, then again to inspect the wattles when they are installed.

Extension Request – 290 Brigham Street, RDA

The Negative Determination was issued 3 years ago to bring fill for agricultural purposes into fields that are in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Joe Rodrigues moved to extend the RDA for one year, with conditions that erosion controls be installed around the fields and up to the Hudson Light and Power driveway where rip rap has been installed, that erosion controls be inspected by the agent before work begins, and that the area is stabilized by re-seeding before winter. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 5-0-0.

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from July 19th, 2018. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 5-0-0.

COC Requests – WestRidge, 190-0418

Pam Helinek did a site walk with the management company representative. All outstanding issues in Conservation jurisdiction from the engineer's report have been corrected. Paul Byrne moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance, second by Dave Mercer, vote 5-0-0.

Minor Plan Change Request – 68 Lakeside Ave, 190-0618

The applicant proposes changes to the approved plan including reducing the size of the back deck and the side addition, and increasing the size of the front deck, bringing work further from the resource area. Paul Byrne moved to approve the Plan Change and to accept the revised plan dated 7/29/18 as the new approved plan, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

Discussion – 6 Maxwell Circle

Joe Rodrigues and Emilie Wilder attended a site visit to the property. Joe Rodrigues reported that the stream bank has been altered and some wetland has been filled with peat. The Commission asked Pam Helinek to try to find an old plan that shows the original course of the stream, and to get an approximate cost for a wetland scientist to flag the BVW.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Dave Mercer, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.