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Meeting Minutes September 20, 2018

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

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues (left at 8:15), Emilie Wilder, Brandon Parker

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

101 Coolidge Street, continued RDA

Applicant has requested to continue to October 18, 2018. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to October 18 at 7:00 PM, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

200 Cox Street (Manzo Way), OOC Amendment, 190-0615

Present: Zachary Couture. HS&T Group; J. Manzo

Documents:

- Manzo Way (AKA 200 Cox Street), Hudson, MA September 6, 2018: Amendment to Order of Conditions, 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 9/6/2018

The applicant proposed to amend the Order of Conditions by adding a connection to sanitary sewer instead of installing septic systems. Paul Byrne moved to re-open the hearing for OOC 190-0615, seconded by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0. Brandon Parker asked about sewer capacity. The design has been approved by DPW. He asked if the culvert would prevent the sewer pipe from being installed at the necessary depth. There is enough room over the culvert. Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing, accept the new plans dated 9/6/2018, and issue an amended OOC. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

196 Washington Street, NOI, 190-06xx

Present: David Cowell, Hancock Associates; Ray Murphy, Avidia Bank; Robert Crusciel

Documents:

- Notice of Intent, Avidia Bank, 196 Washington Street, Hudson, MA; Prepared by Hancock Associates; dated August 2018
- Permit Site Plan Avidia Bank, sheets C1-C11; Prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 8/7/18; signed and stamped by Robert A. Chrusciel, PE #28779; scale 1"=10'

- Existing Conditions Plan of Land in Hudson, MA, sheet EC; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 7/10/18; signed and stamped by Carlos M. Frias, PLS#41407; scale 1"=2'-6"

The applicant proposes to demolish the existing buildings on two lots and construct a new bank, partially in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Work will be 36 feet from the wetland at its closest point. Paul Byrne asked about onsite re-charge. A Stormtech underground infiltration system will be installed, with overflow discharged over riprap towards the wetland. Joe Rodrigues asked about snow storage on site. There are several snow storage areas indicated. There was discussion about the height of the fence on top of the wall at the back of the property. Joe Rodrigues thought that the proposed 4-foot fence would not be tall enough to keep snow from being shoveled over it. The Commission agreed to allow the 4-foot fence with signs stating "No Dumping of Snow" posted on it, but if there are any issues with snow shoveled over the fence then it will have to be replaced under an Enforcement Order. Paul Byrne asked about a trash dumpster. There is no dumpster because trash will be removed daily. Brandon Parker expressed concern that the snow storage area will not be adequate and that snow will need to be removed from site.

Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, contingent upon a DEP file number being issued with no comments that need to be addressed. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0. Special Condition: signage must be posted prohibiting snow being dumped behind the fence.

Administrative Business

Discussion – 22 Bonazzoli Ave

Present: Mike Harrington

Pam Helinek and several commissioners had a site visit with property owner Mike Harrington and Max Kamel from DPW. There is a major sewer line, manholes, and detention basin on the property which DPW has easements around. Mr. Harrington proposes replacing the detention basin with a swale and forebay to allow building expansion in the site of the current easement. The Commission said if DPW agreed he would need to file an NOI with a fully engineered design. Mr. Harrington would like to remove the loam from the property. The Commission said this would require an RDA for loam removal within Buffer Zone.

Discussion – Solar Facility, Zina Road, Ecological Restoration Limited Project

Present: Scott Rabideau

The applicant discussed the possibility of an Ecological Restoration project at the solar facility. The proposal will be to cut a large number of trees within Outer Riverfront and replace them with shrub habitat. In addition, pollinator habitat will be created outside of jurisdictional areas.

Minutes – Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from September 6, 2018. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 4-0-0

Discussion – 6 Maxwell Circle

Pam Helinek and Emilie Wilder met with property owner Wallace Andrews and discussed restoration of the wetland area along the stream bank. Mr. Andrews agreed to remove non-native plantings and mulch from an area along the back of his yard, 100 feet in length and

varying from 4-8 feet in width, and replanting with native vegetation. Emilie Wilder moved to issue and Enforcement Order to Mr. Andrews requiring that a plan for the restoration be submitted by October 19, 2018, a progress report be submitted by April 15th, and work completed by June 15th. A two-year monitoring period will be required to ensure plant survival. Second by Dave Mercer, vote 4-0-0.

Certificate of Compliance Request – 84 Deer Path, 190-0220 (190-0222?)

Property is part of a subdivision and not in wetlands jurisdiction. DEP number is uncertain. Apparently it was issued as 190-0220 but that number was also assigned to another file so it was later changed to 190-0222. Paul Byrne moved to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 84 Deer Path, 190-0220/190-0222. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 4-0-0.

Discussion – Danforth Falls beaver dam

The pond leveler is working during normal conditions, but after significant rain the trail floods. Possibilities are – accept this as good enough, block the overflow point with sand bags, build a water bar, build a raised walking area, install a second pond leveler pipe. The Commission decided to start with sand bags and see how well they work.

Discussion – Centennial Beach erosion

There has been significant erosion of sand from Centennial Beach into Fort Meadow Reservoir. This is an ongoing problem that will hopefully be improved after the beach re-construction project next fall. The Commission discussed requiring the Recreation Division to install erosion control along the beach edge and/or asking DPW to remove the eroded sand in early spring before the water level is raised. It was decided that removing the eroded sand was a good temporary solution.

Discussion – 7 South Street

Brandon Parker expressed concern that the approved 7 South Street project proposes to re-build the walking path along the river, and promises not to disturb the sloped area abutting the river, but the walking path is within the sloped area. Pam Helinek will talk to property owner Chuck Randall and correct the OOC before it is issued. The DEP number has not yet been assigned.

Adjournment

Emilie Wilder moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Dave Mercer, vote 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.