



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes December 20, 2018

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

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

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

Lot 8 Coolidge Street – continued RDA

Present: Edimar and Angelita Ferreira (property owners), Tony Cabral (Coldwell Banker), Christopher Flood (attorney)

Documentation: Wetlands Area Location Plan; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 12/4/18; signed and stamped by John D. Bremser, PLS 35390; scale 1"=20'

Paul Byrne recused himself due to Attorney Flood having business connections with his son. The applicant wants to clear trees from the site in Outer Riverfront Area to Hog Brook in order to park trucks and equipment. Commission members have visited the site. Attorney Chris Flood said he thought the stream might be intermittent. Pam Helinek said it was shown as perennial on the plans they submitted, and Hog Brook has always been considered a perennial stream. Joe Rodrigues asked whether they planned to regrade the area because the site is too sloped and uneven to drive and park on. He said the applicant will need to regrade and possibly add a retaining wall. He said the Commission needed to see a plan that showed the proposed grades, wall construction and where the water would drain that currently drains down to the brook and culvert. The Commission said that the applicant could do whatever work he wanted outside of Riverfront Area, but needed to file an NOI for any work done in the Resource Area.

Marianne Iarossi moved to close the hearing and issue a Positive RDA. Second by Joe Rodrigues. Vote 5-0-1.

14 Elizabeth Road – continued RDA

The applicant is waiting for final plans from the architect. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to January 3, 2019 at 7:00. Second Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0

Lake Boon Cove, NOI, 190-0628

DEP number and comments have been received. The comments required not running the aeration device in winter, which is already a condition in perpetuity in the approved OOC. Paul Byrne moved issue the Order of Conditions. Second by Marianne Iarossi. Vote 6-0-0.

Administrative Business

Discussion – Erosion at Centennial Beach

Present: Steven Santos, Hudson Director of Recreation; Greg Opp, 109 Fort Meadow Drive

The Commission had a site visit on Saturday 12/8. They discussed digging channels along the beach to slow erosion. However this idea was dismissed after DPW and a private contractor said that the sand was too shallow and that digging the channels would disturb dirt and rocks and cause worse erosion problems, as well as being a hazard to people walking on the beach. The Commission decided to address the erosion by the installation of straw wattles across problem areas of the beach. In addition they will consider having sand that has eroded down to the water removed in the spring. Pam Helinek will talk to Marlborough to find out when they remove eroded sand from their beach and what kind of permitting they use.

Minutes – December 6, 2018

Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from December 6, 2018. Second by Joe Rodrigues. Vote 6-0-0.

Discussion – Senior Center

The Senior Center will be doing construction on their deck but all work will be on existing pavement and there will be no new disturbance to the area. The Commission agreed that no filing was necessary.

Discussion – Tree cutting violations

Pam Helinek reported two recent instances of tree cutting violations next to streams, one at 4 Marlboro and one at 90 Causeway. Hailey Tree was responsible for both incidents and the proprietor was extremely uncooperative and refused to take any responsibility for compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act. Pam Helinek has spoken with DEP and they said to file an Enforcement Order and that DEP will also call and warn him that he can be fined. Paul Byrne moved to issue an Enforcement Order against Hailey Tree. Second by Marianne Iarossi, vote 6-0-0. Marianne Iarossi requested that Violation Notices also be sent to both home owners.

Adjournment

Joe Rodrigues moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jason Weksner, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.