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Meeting Minutes February 7, 2019

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, Emilie Wilder

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Note: Marianne Iarossi and Emilie Wilder abstained from voting until they are sworn in

Public Hearings

14 Elizabeth Road – continued RDA

The applicant is waiting for final plans from the architect. Paul Byrne moved to continue the hearing to March 7, 2019 at 7:00. Second Joe Rodrigues, vote 4-0-2

Old North Road, Lots 88 and 89, RDA

Present: Zachary Bemis (Engineering Design Consultants), Denis and Marie Lewis (property owners)

Documents:

- Site Plan, prepared by Engineering Design Consultants, dated 1/24/19, signed and stamped by Walter M. Lewinski, PE#32327, scale 1"=40'

The applicant proposes to construct a driveway partially in Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The driveway is over 60 feet from the wetlands and will follow an old cart path, thereby requiring only two trees to be cut, both of which are leaning at potentially hazardous angles. A filter strip will be constructed for storm water management. A construction apron will protect the street from dirt and erosion controls will be placed along the limit of work.

Paul Byrne moved to issue a Negative Determination with the following conditions: (1) a Certificate of Compliance is obtained for expired OOC 190-0519; (2) Pre-construction meeting to be held with conservation agent and include inspection of erosion controls and construction apron; (3) NO additional trees to be cut within Buffer Zone without approval by the Conservation Commission. Second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 4-0-2.

Administrative Business

Discussion – storm water management at Tripps Pond and Sauta Fields

Present: Max Kamel, Asst Director Hudson DPW

Documentation:

- Drainage Improvements Plan: Green Street in Hudson, MA; prepared by Thomas DiPersio, Jr & Associates, Inc.; dated 1/22/19; scale 1"=40'

Max Kamel described drainage improvements that DPW would like to implement at Tripps Pond and Sauta Fields. At Sauta Fields a pipe will be entrenched from a catch basin in the parking lot, across the field, and emerge through a wooded slope with outflow draining to a stream. Disturbance to the wooded area will be minimized and tree removal avoided. This will reduce flooding in the field and reduce fertilizer washing into the stream. The parking lot is untreated in winter. Paul Byrne suggested the use of a perforated pipe. Brandon Parker suggested rip rap to slow the flow of water into the stream and asked how often the catch basins are cleaned. Max Kamel said the catch basins have not been cleaned historically but they can be added to the annual cleaning list. The Commission supported the idea and suggested DPW go forward with formal design and permitting.

At Tripps Pond, a pipe will extend from Green Street into a wooded area. An existing depression filled with yard debris will be cleaned out and converted to a detention basin. Overflow will be directed towards the wetland and pond. Disturbance to the park and tree removal will be minimized. The Commission supported the idea and suggested DPW go forward with permitting.

Discussion – Wheeler Road Conservation Restriction

Pam Helinek received comments from EEOA on the draft Wheeler Road CR and has updated it to address the comments. Paul Byrne moved to submit the revised draft to EEOA, second by Dave Mercer, vote 4-0-2.

COC Requests:

- 19 Glendale Rd, 190-0588. This OOC was in response to an EO and required restoration of a wetland that had been filled. Pam Helinek performed a site inspection, and a letter describing compliance has been received from wetland consultant Dave Burke.
- 10 Herman Circle, 190-0461. This OOC was for an addition to a single-family house that was partially in floodplain. The Commission had determined that elevation changes were minimal and no compensatory flood storage was necessary. Pam Helinek has inspected the property and saw no violations.
- 154 Manning Street, 190-0399. This OOC was for a single family home that was never built. The OOC expired with no work being done.
- 3 Wildflower Path, 190-0220/222 (partial COC). This OOC was for a condominium complex. The unit in question is not in Conservation Commission jurisdiction.
- 22 Brenton Wood Road, 190-0244 (partial COC). This OOC was for a subdivision. The property in question is not in Conservation Commission jurisdiction.

Paul Byrne moved to issue Certificates of Compliance for all five properties. Second by Dave Mercer, vote 4-0-2.

Minutes: Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from January 3, 2019. Second by Brandon Parker, vote 4-0-2.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 4-0-2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.