



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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*David Mercer, Vice Chair*      *Emilie Wilder*                      *Brandon Parker*                      *Jason Weksner*

### Meeting Minutes April 18, 2019

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by vice chair David Mercer**

**Roll Call: David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Marianne Iarossi, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder**

**Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)**

### **Public Hearings**

**592 Main Street, RDA**

**Present:** Thomas and Skye Gaudette

The applicant proposes to install a gas line from the street to the house. A culverted stream daylights near the street end of the driveway. The gas line will be within the driveway near the street, and will diverge and run along next to the driveway as it approaches the house. Emilie Wilder moved to close the hearing and issue a negative determination, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0. Special conditions: erosion control must be installed along the limit of work and be inspected by the Conservation Agent before work begins.

### **Centennial Beach – continued NOI, DEP 190-0630**

**Present:** Steven Santos, Director of Recreation; Michael Easler, Weston & Sampson; Jeanette Cantu, Weston & Sampson

#### **Documents:**

- Centennial Beach Renovation Project; prepared by Weston & Sampson; dated March 2019; revised April 18, 2019; scale 1"=40'
- Memorandum: Centennial Beach, Conservation Commission Review Responses; Prepared by Michael Easler | Weston & Sampson; dated 4/19/19

Pam Helinek reported that DPW Director Eric Ryder confirmed that he had been involved in the project design, had reviewed all the plans, and was confident that DPW could maintain the stormwater system and rain gardens.

There was a discussion about the use of reclaimed asphalt. Its permeability should be similar to pervious asphalt at a much lower cost. Maintenance will require annual cleaning with handheld blowers. Toxins should not be mobile. The material is used by NPS.

Deep sump catch basins with oil separator hoods will be used in the central collection island. 66 trees are proposed for removal and 83-91 new trees will be planted. The slope of the beach will not be changed significantly, but erosion should be minimized by the new stormwater features. Joe Rodrigues said that rip rap is important and should be expanded.

The retaining wall at the shore line and the stone dust pathway leading down to the water will be removed from the plans. Instead the vegetation will be removed from the area and rip rap of smooth, rounded stones shall be placed in the area for stabilization. Emilie Wilder said this is the only area of shrub habitat on the beach and requested that it be replaced. A mitigation area or areas equal or greater in size to the cleared area, shall be planted with native shrub sin an appropriate location(s). Planting list shall be approved by the Commission.

The hearing cannot be closed until the Planning Board has closed their hearing. Dave Mercer moved to support the project as discussed with the intention to close and issue an Order of Conditions pending the decision by the Planning Board. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0.

### **Administrative Business**

**Discussion** – Tree cutting at Centennial Beach

**Present** – Steven Santos, Recreation Director

There are several dead and damaged trees near the edge of the property line, away from the area of the renovation project that are becoming hazardous. The Commission agreed that these trees could be cut, with as much of the trunk left in place as possible. Brush can be piled on the property to provide wildlife habitat. Excess brush can be removed at a later date.

**Discussion** – Flooding near Hogan Tire

**Present** – Dave Daigneault, 6 Vernon Drive

Mr. Daigneault expressed concern with the flooding next to Hogan Tire on Route 85. The once wooded area now holds standing water and the trees are falling down. He thinks it may be due to the construction of The Point apartments behind the area. There also may be a clogged culvert or catch basin in the area. Pam Helinek will discuss the issue with DPW.

**Minutes:** Marianne Iarossi moved to approve the minutes from April 4, 2019. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0

### **Westridge Maintenance Agreement**

**Documentation:** Westridge Condominium Trust and Town of Hudson, MA - Amended Maintenance Agreement Pertaining to Westridge Condominium Complex and to Property Placed under a Conservation Restriction by Wheeler Road Land Trust; Rev 3: 3/29/2019

Marianne Iarossi moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 5-0-0.

**Wheeler Road Conservation Restriction** – The CR has been approved by the state for local signatures. The Commission signed the CR.

**COC request – 254 Cox Street, 190-0353**

Marianne Iarossi moved to issue the COC for DEP#190-0353, second by Dave Mercer, vote 5-0-0

**Discussion – Impacts of Water Contamination**

Paul Byrne had expressed concern about the contamination near Hudson's wells impacting the surrounding wetlands. Pam Helinek discussed with the DEP wetlands circuit rider who said that part of remediation would be to determine the full extent of the plume and treat it, so the Commission should not have to do separate remediation. Recommended limits for drinking water may be stricter than in other areas, so contamination may be measured differently in surrounding wetlands. Pam Helinek will call the DEP department that deals with hazardous waste cleanup to confirm.

**Adjournment**

Dave Mercer moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Emilie Wilder, vote 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.