Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of January 11, 2017

Members present: Steve Parretti, Joshua Soojian, JoAnn Schold

Members absent: John Marc-Aurele, Jim Cooper

Meeting called to order 6:30PM

Notice of Intent

25 Lakeview Drive (demo, renovate, construct addition onto home)

Mr. Parretti read the notice into the record and opened discussion to applicant.

Mr. Jason Dubois, DC Engineering & property owners, Bill & Pam Keyes, in attendance.

The application request is to demo portions of an existing house (cottage) & construct an addition onto the side, along with renovations to existing structure.

The existing deck that runs along the side of the house, will be removed and rebuilt along the lakeside.

Along the lakeside will be a 3-season room on piers and converted to full-time space.

Underneath there, is a crawl space to get into the basement, where they are proposing a 2-foot retaining wall and a paver patio.

It won't be on bank, but approximately 10-12-feet off the edge of the bank.

They are proposing to demolish the existing boathouse and convert it to a boat ramp. There will be 3-4 trees removed.

Siltation fence and straw wattles will be placed along waters' edge and up along the side of the lot. No work proposed along the bank or in the water.

A DEP number not yet issued; meeting will be continued.

The garage across the street will be outside of the 100-foot buffer and higher than the land down by the house. The Commissioners advised to control any siltation coming from the site, so it doesn't become an issue.

Mr. Dubois advised they will have a siltation fence along the property line during any earthwork for the garage.

The retaining wall will be rebuilt in the same spot as the existing retaining wall.

The existing septic and well will remain in same place.

The Commissioners requested permission allowing to enter the site at any time for site inspections. Mr. Keyes agreed.

Hearing no further comments or questions, discussion was continued to Wednesday, February 8th.

Board Discussion:

• Stiles Dam Project Update

Ms. Schold did a site visit and noted all looked good.

• Worcester Airport Taxiway - Project Reports

There are continued siltation problems on site.

Numerous updates received daily between DEP & MassPort

• Bottomly Ave complaint (DEP)

An email received from DEP stated a complaint received alleged a parcel at the end of Bottomly Ave (123 or 104?) a wetland being filled and a foundation being constructed.

The Commissioners all agreed a more definite address was needed from DEP. The address given was not familiar and Commissioners were unable to locate.

• Forestry Cutting Plans (DCR approved)

Marshall Street; Auburn Street; Route 56 (Paxton Street); 500 Moose Hill Road applications received DCR approval.

An email will be sent to Kate Marquis, DCR Forestry questioning whether Marshall Street Forestry received their final.

Forestry Bylaw

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to keep the current Bylaw in place.

At this point, Mr. Parretti temporally stepped down from his position as Chair and Ms. Schold temporally stepped in as acting Chair.

Approval of Minutes

11/16/2016

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2016

SECONDED: Mr. Parretti – Discussion: None VOTE: 2 in favor/ 1 abstained (Ms. Schold)

12/4/2016

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2016

SECONDED: Mr. Parretti –Discussion: None

VOTE: All in Favor

Mr. Schold stepped down from acting Chair and Mr. Parretti resumed his position as Chair.

Miscellaneous

• The Commissioners asked to questioned whether boundary pins could be placed under water. An email will be sent to DEP.

• 63 Fairview Drive

Mr. Bob Coty in attendance.

He reviewed whether retaining wall work would be covered under his RDA.

The Commissioners agreed his RDA only covered tree removal.

Any retaining wall work would require the filing of an NOI.

• Next Meeting

All agreed the next Conservation Commission meeting be held on Wednesday, February 8th

Hearing no further discussion, Mr. Parretti asked for a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Soojian moved to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Ms. Schold – Discussion: None – VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned 7:10PM

Respectfully submitted:

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