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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: August 8, 2018
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, H. Meninger, F. O'Connor, J. Gebauer, T. Schaefer
MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Grim, W. Formosi
GUESTS: None

Dempsey moved to open the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion was second by Schaefer. Voted: 5-0.

Old Business:

Lower Center Street- Dempsey said that 1/3 of the boulders are in place which is working to restrict parking. Hopefully this should be done by September. The former picnic area has been repurposed. The tables are still there. Dempsey recommends a site visit down there once the boulders are all in place.

Meninger asked if the Police are monitoring the parking down there. Should the boulders be pushed out to stop people from parking on the street? Schaefer asked if the lot was full. Meninger said it wasn't when she drove by.

Large Covert on Center Street-There has been a problem reported to Dempsey regarding where the beaver fence is. On the other side there is a tricky area and no one should be going down there to go fishing. Dempsey would like to designate that area to be restricted and post a sign (Keep Out). This will be put up and hopefully no one will take down the sign. Chief Gillian said to post it.

Dempsey motioned to designate a sign on Lower Center Street where the large covert is located restricting the area 25 feet on either side. Meninger seconds the motion. Voted: 5-0.

Boat Ramp Launch at Veasey Park- The boat ramp is in. The money was from the State. Veasey Park is now paved. The Water Lily Removal Project will start next week. Some planters and signage still need to go in and 2 picnic tables to be added. Meninger mentioned the branches were cleaned up at Lower Center Street by the Highway Dept. and they used a chain saw and got rid of all the brush.

Dempsey said thank you to the highway department for the help with clean up. The canoe rack has been put in place. The company who is putting in the boulders will be cleaning the parking lot.

Estate owned land

Gebauer spoke about the title work and land that is in probate on one property. He said there will be some costs but he will not charge for his time. Gebauer and Dempsey need to talk to the abutters on the other property because that is just a matter of doing a deed to be transferred.

Dempsey will ask Tom Nevy if will come with them. Seven Star Road will cost approximately \$1000.00. \$300.00 was already spent for title work.

Dempsey said the house at Veasey Park is for rent for 4 bedroom house for \$1800.00/month.

Conservation Agent Report

929 Salem Street- There are some vehicles parked on the empty lot. There are not cars parked near the buffer zone. The dirt/rock pile is close to the buffer zone.

The matter of the administrative consent order regarding Esty Park; Decie left correspondence for commissioners to read.

The MVPC sent public notice for review and the New England Wild Flower Society send a letter regarding early wild rye growing near the Merrimack River. They will conduct a brief survey and collect seed from the area.

Dempsey mentioned to have a hearing period because he saw this done at another town. They will just motion to open up once and then separately hear each application. Dempsey asked if the commissioners were in agreement with this as well as the applicants. They all like the idea.

Hearings:

Dempsey motioned to open hearings at 7:30 p.m. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 5-0.

23 School Street GRDA- filed by the Water Dept. regarding original Light Dept. Building

Small excavation to front and south side of entrance is needed to put footings for a step.

The front will have a ramp along with the stairs. Part of the work is in the buffer zone. (10x6) where the footing is going. A plan will be submitted to show the erosion controls surrounding the work area and the parking lot.

Gebauer said he lives close to the area and Dan Briscoe is doing the work. The work is being done all in front and he is not in any danger of hurting anything. The land is all flat. Tom Cusick of the Water Dept. said he would like the work done by Oct. 31. He would like to plant some arborvitae and scrubs. It will not be all addressed right now. The roof line on the building will change. They would like to button up the building before the winter time.

Gebauer motioned to allow too proceed for the removal of stairwell on side and to allow work in front provided there is erosion controls surrounding the work area indicated on the map and allow the swap of the existing parking lot to a curved parking lot with grass and arborvitae shrubbery suitable for area. O'Connor seconds. Voted: 5-0.

This will be a permit letter sent and Dempsey will sign it.

7 Homestead Lane- GRDA

They are putting in a retaining wall in the rear of house and there are concerns if it is in the buffer zone. Decie said they measured from the stream up and flagged the area. The retaining wall that is

being put in is outside the 100 ft. buffer zone. Decie and Dempsey were out there previously for a tree removal. The owners will be putting in a black wrought iron fence on the side and a black chain link fence in the back.

Gebauer motioned the project has no impact on the resource area.
Schaefer seconds the motion. Voted: 5-0.

194 Seven Star Road GNOI-Replacement septic because it is in failure.

Mr. Scanlon is representing the owners. The new septic system will be 79 feet from the resource area. Scanlon said the area isn't totally flat but it isn't going near the resource area. There is a well that is an issue.

Schaefer asked if the septic could be moved. Scanlon said no because of the wells.

Schaefer motioned to approve the septic plan as submitted for 194 Seven Star Road with the appropriate erosion controls as indicated on the plan. Meninger seconds the motion. The Board asked the audience if there were any questions. Voted: 5-0.


Dempsey motioned to close the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Voted: 5-0.

Minutes:

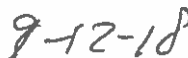
The minutes will be edited and be voted on in September.

Schaefer said he will not be at the meeting in September and maybe in October.

Meninger motioned close the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Gebauer seconds the motion. Voted: 5-0.



Conservation Chair



Date