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BOARD:

Conservation Commission

TOPIC:

Monthly Meeting

MEETING DATE:

December 12, 2018

MEETING PLACE:

Town Hall Meeting Room

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Dempsey, F. O'Connor, W. Formosi, J. Gebauer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

T. Grim, H. Meninger, T. Schaefer

GUESTS:

None

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Gebauer seconds the motion.

10 Rollins St. - There is a pipe at 10 Rollins St. that goes to the back of the house pushing water onto the abuttors property. Is this in the conservation jurisdiction. The owner was not contacted by the commission. Decie and Dempsey will go out to look at the property and check where the pipe is.

Minutes- O'Connor motioned to accept minutes from November 14, 2018 as submitted. Formosi seconds. Voted: 3-0-1. Gebauer abstain.

Old Business- None

Conservation Agent Update- Decie went to a Site Plan Review meeting concerning Sewall St. 40 B Affordable Housing Project. The property needs a Certificate of Compliance. No definitive plans have been submitted. A meeting will be set up once a plan is submitted. There will be a site visit on December 29 at Sewall St. at 9:00 am for 40B Housing Project.

Last August the property owner of 7 Homestead Lane cut down some trees outside the 100ft buffer.

Dempsey motioned to open the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 4-0.

RDA- 350 Main Street- Groveland Electric Company wants permission to take down 2 dead trees because of a safety issue. The trees are across the street and they are 20-25 ft. from the high water marker. Cutting them down will mitigate the hazard from the public and the Groveland Electric infrastructure. Groveland Electric contracted Valley Tree to do the work.

When stump grinding is done, erosion controls will be placed 10 ft. within the stump. The permit letter should say no debris will be put in the river. When the stumps are removed the Com Con will be notified along with the Highway and Light Depts.

Gebauer motioned to remove the 2 trees that are 3 feet wide to be taken down with erosion controls in place. Formosi seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0.

733 Salem St. RDA/GRDA- Bill Holt, Engineer- A site visit was done on November 17, 2018. The wetlands were reviewed. They had a discussion with the Planning Board and Mike Dempsey. The first change is the name of the road. The new name will be Oakland Terrace. Meadow Lane will be a paper road. It will not be built and stay the way it is.

The lots will be reduced from 4 to 3 lots. They took the lot behind Washington St. out and will not build in there to avoid disturbance. Meadow Lane will be reshaped. Very little to no work in the wetlands will be done because of the changes. It made more open space and a lot less work in the wetlands. They will be meeting with the Planning Board on January 8.

Public Comment:

163 Washington St. Matthew Eaton- He stated it was an improvement.

161 Washington St. Allison Quinley mentioned on the last plan that parcel 68J was a proposed driveway.

Bill Holt explained there won't be a driveway on the new proposed land. This will have less of an impact with this plan.

Dempsey motioned to issue a positive determination for the RDA/GRDA on the revised plan submitted on December 12, 2018. Com Con wants to see a new RDA/GRDA on the revised plan. O'Connor seconds. Voted 4-0.

157 Main St. /Billis Way, NOI/GNOI- The plans haven't changed. The land will be marked with markers. The work in the buffer zone is dealing with drainage.

Dempsey said the flag placements were not marked properly. The 200ft. buffer wasn't marked. Dempsey would like to see different buffer flags for 200 foot buffer for the river front.

We would like to hire our own independent consultant on this project. Many questions weren't answered on the site visit.

Dempsey motioned to have the applicant allow to have our own wetland scientist and confirm delineation of river front and wetlands. Gebauer seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0.

Decie will call Mark Jacobs or Hancock Engineering and get a fee schedule for the reviews. Dempsey motioned to continue the haring to January 9, 2019 at 7:00p.m. Gebauer seconds. Voted 4-0.

180R Center St. ANRAD- Mary Rimmer is the engineer representing the applicant, Mr. Zarrella for this ANRAD. DEP File #30-451. Decie and Dempsey walked the property.

There is boarder vegetation and the Argilla Brook are along the property. A NOI was filed on Monday December 10, 2018.

Decie gave a report on the site visit. They walked through past the river front area and walked over and checked the delineation and the placement of the flags. There was no problem with the delineation.

Gebauer moved to accept the delineations on the plans that were brought here tonight and issue and ANRAD. Dempsey seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0.

On December 29, 2018 there will be a site walk at 10:00 a.m. at this property. January 9 will be the next Conservation meeting.

Mr. Zuewang who owns 299 Main St had questions for the Board. Decie will visit the site with the property owner and decide what constitutes which brush can be trimmed and permanently cut down.

Formosi explained to the owner that nothing close to the bank of the river would get cut down.

Gebauer motioned to close the hearing at 8:52 p.m. Formosi seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0.

Gebauer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52p.m. Voted: 4-0.

Conservation Chair

Date