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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: August 11, 2021
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room and Zoom Meeting
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, S. Bartelt, F. O'Connor, T. Schaefer,
T. Grim, J. Gebauer
MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Formosi
GUESTS: None

Gebauer motions to open the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Grim seconds. Voted: 6-0.
Schaefer joined the meeting via Zoom after the vote.

Lower Center Street Maintenance Plan

Dempsey and Bartelt are still working on the maintenance plan. They have committed to having it completed by September 2021.

Minutes

Grim motions to accept minutes for July 14, 2021. Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted: 6-0.
(Schaefer and Grim abstain).

Lower Center Street

We received \$10,000 for removal of lily pads from the State.
\$28,500 was approved for the hydroraking as a 2021 CPA project and the remainder will be covered from funds left over from 2018.
An additional \$25,000 was approved by the State but not sure when we will receive it.

At the boat launch the hydroraking will be used as a removal site, rip rap will be placed down in the launching area once the work is done.

Environmental Coordinator Update

They will be interviewing 3 people. There were 7 candidates in all but 3 stood out. Bartelt, Formosi and Dempsey will make the recommendation on which candidate to hire and the commission will vote to hire her. The BOS will then have to vote and she will begin working two weeks after that.

Grim asked if she will have a time frame where she needs to demonstrate what she knows. Dempsey said there is 90 day probation period.

Bartelt motioned to move forward with the hiring process for the Environmental Coordinator. Grim seconds. Voted: 6-0.

104 King Street

Investigation on the facility. Dempsey met with DEP. There are 3 areas of concern. DEP Enforcement states not to expect to hear anything for 4-6 weeks.

94 Washington St

In March 94-96 Washington Street septic system was installed. The erosion controls weren't working. Bob Grasso was contacted and he went and fixed them.

150 Center Street

Encroachment on Town Property.
Dempsey will be meeting with Bill Dunn about this on August 12.

Dempsey motioned to open the hearing section of the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 6-0.

24 Wood St – Tree Removal GRDA

Dempsey motioned this is a negative determination and to allow the tree removal at 24 Wood Street. Grim seconds. Voted: 7-0.

756 Salem Street- Septic System EO

We signed an emergency order since the system is in bad shape. Dempsey received a letter from Dept of Health regarding this. The applicant didn't get a certificate of compliance from the last time but filed for it now. We will do a GNOI hearing at the Sept meeting.

268 Washington St NOI/GNOI

Greg Hockmuth is still working on this and is still not ready.

Gebauer motions to continue 268 Washington Street to September 8. Grim seconds. Voted: 6-0.

299-301 Main St GRDA/RDA

We were waiting to hear what the Planning Board said about the outside of the property. Based on their advice, Mass DOT said the site has no legal access for that portion of the property only for the post office.

The Planning Board has denied the project. Gebauer motioned for a positive determination for RDA/GRDA and the applicant to file for a NOI/GNOI. Grim seconds. Voted 6-0.

Sewall St. Quarry NOI

The commission hired a peer reviewer. Stantec started 2 weeks ago and are still working on the peer review. They made comments on the plans and sent them back to the Planning Board. R. Oldham reviewed the plans and gave them back to the applicant. The applicant turned around the report with his professional staff.

Dempsey went to the abutters site visit for the Sewall St.40B Project. They walked around and came up with 12 questions to ask the developer. These were included in the record and forwarded to the developer.

Dempsey motioned to continue Sewall St. Quarry NOI to September 8. Grim seconds. Voted: 6-0.

106 King Street GRDA/RDA (Schaefer and Grim recused themselves)

The commission is waiting for the Planning Board's approval on the plans.

Dempsey motion to continue the hearing of 106 King Street to September 8, 2021. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 4-0-2. (Grim and Schaefer abstain)

Dempsey motioned to close the hearing part of the meeting at 7:50 p.m. O'Connor seconds. Voted 6-0.

Maple St. Site Visit

Bartelt and Dempsey visited the site and Dempsey shared pictures of where the water line located behind Washington St. over to the development at Oakland Terrace.

The path is between 75-100 ft. TEC issued a report and asked developers to fix it.

There are new erosion controls that were put in which Dempsey showed a picture. They graded the back yard. Schaefer asked if we need to ask them to clean up the site.

There are 3 options:

1. Leave it as is.
2. Clean-up by hand and plant vegetation out to Washington St.
3. Remove all silt and sand and plant covering.

Dempsey said the area is extremely shady.

Grim suggests more erosion controls. He said they should put 5 hay bales across the area.

Dempsey said he will have them place 5 hay bales and stake them in. The Commission will go do a site visit on Wednesday, September 1 at 5:30.

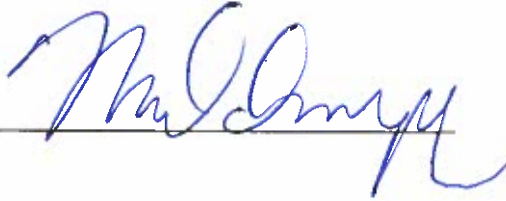
Open Discussion

Dempsey said there are 3 more filings coming in for September.

Bartelt mentioned rewriting bylaws. Dempsey said we just updated the Conservation Bylaws and they are at the Attorney General's office for review. They were passed at Town Meeting.

Bartelt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Schaefer seconds. Voted: 6-0.

Signed: _____



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