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BOARD: Conservation Commission

TOPIC: Monthly Meeting MEETING DATE: August 21, 2019

MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, F. O'Connor, J. Gebauer, T. Schaefer

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Formosi, T. Grim,

CONSERVATION AGENT: R. Decie GUESTS: None

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Schaefer seconds the motion. Voted: 4-0.

Old Business:

Flood maps were dispersed to all the boards. The map is on the Conservation Commission office wall. Dempsey is looking for comments from the commissioners. The background material is really old because they are on top of the old base maps.

Lower Center Street

Dempsey has been working with the Highway Dept. to get some screening to keep culvert clean down in that area. The placement of remaining amount of boulders will be done by the end of September.

Minutes:

Gebauer motions to accept the minutes to July 10, 2019 as submitted. Voted: 3-0. Schaefer abstained.

Conservation meeting will be on September 18 at 7:00p.m.

A site visit for the new high school is scheduled to be either on September 21, September 28 or October 5 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners will make a final decision on the date at the next meeting.

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

181R School Street RDA

Ann Martin, representing LEC Environmental gave a presentation of the area. She has emailed Decie all the paperwork for the advertisement. There is some wetland vegetation. A soil test was done. No flood plain and no species and it does not meet the standard of wetland. Four test pits were completed.

Jeff Maniscalco- 6 Anne St- He met with people developing the land and they said they wanted to place an apartment building there and have affordable housing (40B).

Tim Dexter- 185 School St. Dexter said he has 14 years of experience working with MASSDOT concerning wetlands. He brought up many concerns regarding the area that may be developed. He said there were blue flags on the property showing a depressed basin. There was high surface hydrology. There were green flags.

Ms. Martin responded that the information (data sheets has all the information, hydrology information and the ranges of the 4 holes).

Patricia Smith- 702 Alyssa Drive said she is very concerned that if this apartment building is built then property values will decrease.

Dempsey motioned to continue meeting to September 18. Gebauer seconds. Voted 4-0.

6 Merrimac River Road RDA - Greg Wick, owner

He would like to build a garage where his shed is. Dempsey would like to know where the border wetland is and the garage should be 50ft. away and then the pond needs to be taken into consideration. The information should help Mr. Wick decipher how big of a garage he can build. Dempsey motions to a positive determination and a GNOI should be filed when he gets more information. Schaeffer seconds. Voted: 4-0.

<u>Oakland Terrace GNOI/RDA</u>- Dempsey motions to continue to September 18. Schaefer seconds. Voted: 4-0.

150 Center Street- Shooting Range Enforcement 2017

Chief Gillian is requesting to leave the slope alone. He said it will be a hardship to get this slope excavated because of the cost. He will get a fence up for safety reasons. A sign should be erected when the Police are training when live ammunition is being used at the Center Street Entrance.

Dempsey would like erosion controls in the back area and have the Police go in through the entrance at the Highway Department. The firing range should be cleaned up after each use.

Dempsey motions to close out the enforcement at the firing range:

- 1). Access to be used at Highway Dept.
- 2). Put up sign stating "Range in Use".

Conservation Agent Update

- 1. 180 R Center Street- Horse Stable There was a breach from a rain storm but it has been fixed.
- 2. Sewall St- Decie will visit the site and Dempsey wants the reports of the soil samples.

Gebauer moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:05p.m. Schaefer seconds. Voted: 4-0.