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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: **June 10, 2020**
MEETING PLACE: Zoom Meeting
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, F. O'Connor, S. Bartelt, W. Formosi, J. Gebauer,
T. Grim
MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Schaefer
CONSERVATION AGENT: R. Decie
GUESTS: None

Mike Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:08 PM. Gebauer seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.
(Formosi hasn't joined the meeting at this time.)

Extension Request on Johnson Pond Weed Removal bylaw permit

This project came under state funding and CPA Funds done in 2018. Dempsey would like to extend it for another 3 years. Dempsey is pursuing more state funding for it. He doesn't want to tap into CPA funding anymore. When they rake the pond they have to take out the weeds and load it into a truck and then take it away. Dempsey said no work will be done in 2020.

Gebauer motioned to extend the weed removal for 3 years. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 4-0-1. Grim abstains.

Extension Request on Boat Ramp for Johnson Pond/Veasey Park permit

More stone will be placed to stop erosion. Dempsey would like to keep permit open for 3 years.

Gebauer moved to extend Johnson boat launch for 3 years. O'Connor seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Annual Appointments

Gebauer moved that Mike Dempsey be Chairman from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Bartelt motions John Gebauer to be Vice-Chairman for the Conservation Commission from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Dempsey seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Motion to appoint Rosemary Decie and Julie Hauss as Conservation Agents from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021 by Dempsey, second by Gebauer. Voted 5-0.

Gebauer motions to appoint Mike Dempsey as the Commission Representative to the Community Preservation Committee and Veasey Park Management Committee from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Dempsey seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Dempsey motions to appoint Bill Formosi as the Commission Representative to the Open Space and Trails Committee from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Dempsey motions to appoint Claire Walsh, Pam Blaquire, and Carol Funchion as Conservation Agents to perform the day to day management of Veasey Park from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted: 5-0.

Gebauer motions appoints Mike Dempsey as the Commission Representative to the Veasey Park Management Committee for 1 year term from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Second by Bartelt. Voted: 5-0.

Dempsey motions to appoint Vanessa Lopez as Director of Veasey Memorial Park from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Conservation Commission Budget Draft 2020-2021 for Veasey Park Revolving Fund- was presented. The numbers will be the same as FY.2020 budget. There was a loss because of all the cancellations due to Covid 19. We didn't take in the money that we planned to take in.

Dempsey motioned to approve Veasey Park Budget for 2020-2021. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 5-0. Gebauer asked if the insurance was resolved for Veasey Park. Dempsey said it worked out well.

CPA Trails Project

Decie said she hasn't spoken to Bill Formosi so its' been hard getting in touch with people because some people are working and some are not.

Dempsey moved to open hearing portion at 7:30 p.m. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 5-0.

299-301 Main St RDA/GRDA

Lee Zong owns the property. The roof has been replaced. He would like to repave the driveway at the gas station and post office. There will be a clothes donation bin in back and he would also like to resurface that area. He would like to add parking behind the gas station. He will put down crush stone in that area. He would like a floating dock behind there.

Dempsey repeated the list that was submitted to him.

1. Remodel old gas station building- He would like to remodel the interior. All construction material will be placed in a dumpster.
2. Perform regular outdoor maintenance on property-Dempsey said most of the outdoor maintenance would have to go under a Notice of Intent. The boat ramp and parking lot in the rear is in question. A site visit will need to be done that way we can see where the 100ft buffer is. Most of the site is in the 200ft water front.
3. Modify handicap ramp at entrance of driveway-He would like to change the handicap ramp. Dempsey said the front of the post office where ramp is may not be in the buffer zone.
4. Put additional parking in rear of 301 Main St. gas station- (expansion of the parking lot doesn't seem like it would be possible.)
5. Put in small dock or float (600 sq.) in back of 301 Main St. on river.

Most of the property is within 100 ft. buffer and almost all of it in the 200 ft. riverfront protection zone. Zong will have to check to see if the area has been staked out for the 100ft and 200ft. buffers.

Gebauer said he might be allowed to renovate an inside existing structure and not add on and store the supplies for the renovation.

Dempsey scheduled a site visit for June 27 at 9:00am at 299-301 Main St.

At this time Bill Formosi joined the Zoom Meeting.

Decie said we can issue a DOA for doing the interior work and ask for a NOI for everything else.

Zong asked to continue to next month. No work can be done until after our decision is issued.

Gebauer motioned to continue the hearing on RDA/GRDA for 301 Main St. to the July 8 meeting.

Dempsey seconds the motion. Voted 5-0-1. Formosi abstained.

4 Outlook Drive GNOI- Replacement of septic system

Jim Scanlon is representing the applicants, Bill & Marie Monderano. A GNOI was filed for a septic system that will be upgraded. Scanlon stated he had all the green cards notifying the abutters. The septic is behind the home north of dwelling and is sized for a 3 bedroom home.

They are upgrading with a new system including a septic tank and piping. There is a stream north (120ft) and a stream east (120ft) of the house and the leaching area is 80 ft. from edge of BVW. It will be generally be in the same area and the leaching system will be sloped a little further down. The system is going between the pool and the dwelling. Erosion control will be at 50ft. by the BVW. The homeowner doesn't want to remove the blueberry bushes or trees.

Gebauer asked if the location of the current septic system was going to change. Scanlon said the leaching pit has to be removed in order to put in another one.

Gebauer asked if any vegetation was being removed. Scanlon said the land is sloped and there is grass along with blueberry bushes and trees. None of that will change.

Gebauer moves to accept the new septic system as submitted on the plan with 50 ft. erosion controls including adding a water line to the chicken coop. O'Connor seconds. Voted: 6-0.

11 Ashcroft Terrace GNOI-Jim Scanlon is representing Robert and Lena Horlick for a septic system upgrade located on the rear of property which consist of a new septic tank and leach pit (15x30).

There is a bordering vegetative wetland to the east of the dwelling. There is 90 ft. from the edge of tank to the BVW. It is a 2 bedroom home. Erosion controls will follow 50ft setback line so that way they can get the trucks in. It is a very small property. The green cards are in order for Decie.

Mr. Bryan, an abutter that is in back of the property said he had a survey done and the wetland delineation he is comparing it to is different. There is a rock wall which has been moved over the years. He doesn't want it affecting his property.

Scanlon said the system is in failure and the homeowners are having a secondary survey done. They want to have the corner of the property staked.

Dempsey said if it passes and he wanted to appeal it he would have to go to the state supreme court. Obviously, it would be best if the neighbors could work out an agreement.

Mr. Bryan asked if he could have copy of the plan so he can compare it. Decie said we will email it to him on Thursday morning.

Formosi motions to approve the septic system replacement according to plans shown for 11 Ashcroft Terrace. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 6-0.

King and Main St-GNOI- This has been removed from agenda because of lack of information.

106 King St- RDA/GRDA cont. from May 13. - A site visit was done and a peer review was completed by Mark Jacobs.

A site visit was completed on May 23, 2020 on the property. Present were representatives of applicant along with Dempsey, Bartelt, Schaefer and Gebauer. We walked the entire site. We viewed the "A" series and went on the neighbor's property, viewed the bvw behind the homes on King St. and we saw a stream that was flowing behind those properties on King St and we saw the "B" series flags and walked to the swamp and pond and came to King St. We didn't see anything usual.

Mark Jacobs, the wetlands scientist gave a summary of the site walk done with Damon Burd on May 28. He found isolated altered wetland area and the tip of the finger that intrudes into the property and is delineated with the "A" series flags. We did not delineate that area. I did take some rough measurements. The area has sufficient relief so it would not be isolated or be in the jurisdiction. The project has a detention basin that will be built. There were many "A" series flags. He did not review B and handful of "C" series flags. (Details are in his written report.)

Dempsey asked if the stream is intermittent. It is an intermittent stream and goes to a perineal stream just by coming from organic soils in there.

Gebauer said it could have been dug by man. Jacobs said the majority of length of stream looked like it was.

Bill Holt gave the applicants responses.

Dempsey motioned to issue a positive determination for RDA/GRDA submitted to the Conservation Commission referenced 6-8-20 revised date with exceptions noted on Mr. Jacobs report flagging and also request further filing NOI for Lots 2,5,6,8 and roadway and an RDA for Lots 3,7,9.

Formosi seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Grim left the meeting at 8:10p.m.

24 Main St. GNOI cont. from May 13

Brad Dore-representing the Pentucket District. The last meeting poised to move vote. The site is split into 2 parts.

Brad Dore said he has to go back to West Newbury Conservation Commission regarding the ravine part of the land which is between the Middle and High School. A great deal of work is being done within the 100 ft. buffer zone. The area is tight and we will be using erosion controls in that area.

Dore asked if seasonal restriction can be modified from 100 to 25 ft. zone. They will not have any work in the 25ft zone. Dempsey said according to Groveland Bylaws you cannot modify it.

We want to put in the Order of Conditions somewhat the same as West Newbury's Order of Conditions. Dempsey said Decie will contact West Newbury's Conservation Commission and get a copy of their Order of Conditions and put them in our format.

Dore said there is a water line. We need to set up erosion sedimentation controls in place and a fence in order to start the construction. That is all shown on the current plans. Dempsey didn't have any objections and Gebauer doesn't want to hold it up.

Dempsey motions to continue 24 Main St. to July 8. Gebauer amended the motion stating we should have the erosion controls that are located on the plan in place before a final decision is issued.

Gebauer second the motion. Voted: 4-0. (Formosi, Gebauer, Bartelt and Dempsey) O'Connor was bumped off the Zoom meeting so he didn't vote.

Dore will make sure Decie has the West Newbury Order of Conditions and she will send them to Gebauer so he can change the PDF to a word document.

Gebauer motioned to close the hearing portion of the meeting at 9:11 pm.
Dempsey seconds. Voted: 4-0.

Lower Center Street- a copy of a letter to Groveland Police Chief stated boulders have been placed to prevent illegal parking. They have to be 18 inches off the roadway. Mr. Kelly is going to finish and fix up the parking area.

Dempsey motions to send a letter to the Police Chief with explanation and a thank you.
Second by Gebauer. Voted: 5-0.

Conservation Agent Update:

Decie said employees have been working remotely from Town Hall. There have been many applications for pools. She has been checking erosion controls for them. There has been an uptick on calls because people are starting to want to get things done around their homes.

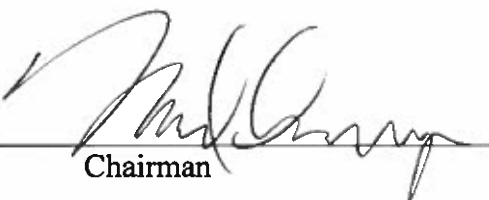
Open Space Committee- An education opportunity for invasive species identification walk in West Newbury is upcoming. Stephanie Bartelt will be attending this event.

Minutes

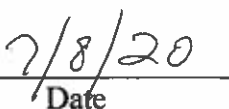
Formosi motioned to approve minutes for February 12, March 11 with attachments, and May 13, 2020. Gebauer seconds. Voted 4-0. (May minutes have a correction that Grim left the meeting before King St. hearing.)

The next meeting will be July 8, 2020

Gebauer moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Voted: 4-0.



Chairman



Date