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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: **October 13, 2021**
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall and Zoom Meeting
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dempsey, S. Bartelt, B. Formosi, T. Grim, F. O'Connor, J. Gebauer
MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Schaefer
GUESTS: None

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:03 p.m. on October 13, 2021.
Second by Bartelt. Voted: 4-0.

17 R Wood St. Property Conservation Restriction

Maggie Brown of the Essex County Greenbelt Assoc. spoke about the Wood St. Christmas Tree Farm and the hay fields. This CR will grant and protect farming and agricultural sites, crops and animal agriculture. The parcel is 31 acres and is kept as a working farm.

Gebauer moved to endorse the Conservation Restriction. Grim seconds. Voted 5-0-1. Grim abstained.

Lower Center Street Maintenance Plan

This maintenance plan addresses the needs of Lower Center St. which is to be standardized and is very specific to the Town of Groveland. The Highway Dept. will be doing all the work.

Dempsey would like to develop a maintenance plan for other properties in town. Dempsey gave the Highway Dept of a copy of the plan.

Dempsey motions to accept the operations and maintenance plan for Lower Center St.
Bartelt seconds. Voted: 6-0.

Minutes

Bartelt motions to accept the September minutes with one typo. Grim seconds. Voted: 5-0-1.
Gebauer abstained.

Conservation Agent Update

Schindler gave an updated activity report.

11 Ashcroft – a letter was sent and the owners have their COC but is wasn't filed.

8 Cherry Tree- their work got delayed. They are going to need a seasonal restriction for 3 days in November.

Dempsey motioned to enter into the hearing portion at 7:33pm. Voted: 6-0.

GRDA- 8 Merrimac River Road

A tree along the banking of the Merrimac River fell into the river and onto the applicants mooring. M. Barker who owns the mooring would like to cut the tree down and put down large stones to stop erosion.

Dempsey motions to issue a negative determination on the tree removal and stone on the bank and issue a permit to that effect. (There will be more details in the permit.) O'Connor seconds. Voted: 6-0.

GRDA 195 Seven Star Road

A deck is unstable and the applicant would like to put 8 footings and add another 14ft. to the existing deck. The edge of the deck is at the 100ft. buffer. The owner will be hand digging the holes for the 12in. tubes.

Grim motioned for a negative determination. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 6-0.

139 King Street NOI-GNOI Addition and replacement septic system.

A site visit was done last month. There were no erosion controls on plan but they have been added. Additional space was added to driveway. A revised plan was submitted and the commissioners reviewed it.

Formosi motion to accept the new plan at 139 King Street dated October 5, 2021 for a new addition and new septic system. Gebauer seconds. Voted: 5-0-1. Grim abstained.

Seasonal Restriction waiver for commercial project at 929-931 Salem St.

Graveling and paving will be done at 929-931 Salem St. They are requesting a waiver on the restriction. They are looking at 3 weeks to complete the paving process. Grim would like to be notified when the work will be done and charge \$100.00 each day up to 21 days.

Grim motioned to grant the seasonal restriction up to 12/31/21. The Conservation Commission is to be notified to inspect the area when the work is completed and fees will be \$100.0 per day up to 21 days. Formosi seconds. Voted: 6-0.

268 Washington Street

Greg Hockmuth is requesting a continuance until the December meeting.

Grim motioned to continue the hearing. Dempsey seconds. Voted: 6-0.

Sewall Street Quarry

Joe Ryan 865 Salem St. submitted a letter that he had 5 concerns about the project.

The letter mentioned severe flooding in his cellar, flooding and erosion, Dwindle Brook floods, private well problems which will have contaminates in the water, citizen safety.

Dempsey asked Ryan if fencing would help with the safety by keeping kids out of sedimentation areas. Ryan said he didn't know.

Grim asked if there is flooding or is it being moved away. Ryan said he has town water but the well was put in to water his 2 acres of land.

Attorney Nilan who is representing Mr. Daley said the project was designed to not flood his land.

Scott Morse of Stevenson Way said there should have been a water weir gate to measure the water to control upstream water elevation before this project began.

Brian of Millennium Engineering said they are required to use calculations required by DEP. This detailed analysis measures the rate flow before or after in the stream.

Peer Review for Sewall St. Quarry

We received responses to this. Dempsey had some questions regarding October 8 from Scan Tek. There was an issue with the alteration with the riverfront area but this will be included in the OOC along with the letter from the applicant dated September 17, 2021.

Dempsey received a recommended OOC from the peer reviewer. Dempsey added and deleted changes to the document.

Gebauer motioned to close the hearing and issue a decision. Bartelt seconds. Voted: 6-0.

Grim recused himself of the next hearing which is 106 King St.

106 King St. NOI/GNOI

In response to the subdivision plan set. Dempsey asked if it is in the area of the no cut zone. Bill Holt brought up the plan to the commissioners and showed exactly where the areas would be. Atty. Deschenes mentioned again that there would be a covenant where the 2 lots (6&7) cannot be divided.

Dempsey went through the OOC and Atty. Deschenes clarified any outstanding items on the document.

Paul Kinch- the cul-de-sac that is being proposed is being placed in the no build zone. Deschenes said driveways, roadways can be built as long as there is no disturbance.

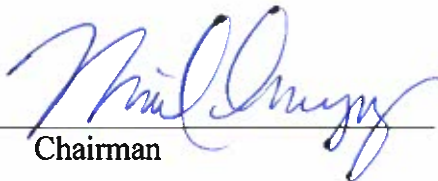
Gebauer moved to close the hearing GNOI/NOI for 106 King St accepting the latest plans. Formosi seconds. Voted: 5-0.

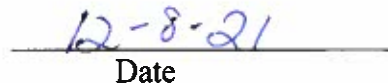
Dempsey motioned to close the hearing portion of the meeting. Bartelt seconds. Voted 5-0.

3 Cherry Tree Lane

Dempsey motioned to give a 3 day waiver for replacing the deck on their home for \$50.00 per day. Formosi seconds. Voted: 5-0.

Gebauer motioned to close the meeting at 10:45pm. Formosi seconds. Voted: 5-0.


Chairman


Date