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BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: June 14, 2017
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Main Meeting Room
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, H. Meninger, W. Formosi, T. Schaefer, F. O'Connor
MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Grim, J. Gebauer
CONCOM AGENT: Rosemary Decie
GUESTS: none
RECORDER: J. Hauss

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:04 m. Schaefer seconds the motion.

(Voted: 5-0)

1. Homestead Lane marker placement on two lots. Steve Dehulla put them in the spring. All markers will be at the 100 foot buffers.
Dempsey motioned to move markers to the left or right and leave at 100 foot buffer zone
Meninger seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).
2. Update on 733 Salem St. abuts Veasey Park
One-half of this land is unbuildable. Dempsey made an offer to purchase the land. Should we pursue buying back a portion of the land.
Dempsey came up with the three options.
 - a. do nothing and wait
 - b. approach developer
 - c. get a developer to partner up

The commission would like to go with option one and wait.

3. Placement of Center Street Greenway Kiosk by GOSTC. This was going to be placed down the Pines but would like to be put on the Greenway at Center Street. They want to put it at fence at 150 Center St. This is the street entrance.

The kiosk could later be moved down where gravel is being removed or by Mattingly property. The kiosk will have maps inside it. The fourth graders at the Bagnall School would like to put it up. The open space committee will install it.

(Action Taken:)

Dempsey motions to agree to place kiosk at beginning of Center St., Greenway by open space committee. Formosi seconds the motion. (Voted 5-0).

Schedule for summer

Eliminating sign offs on Monday night.

1. Just have open office hours 6 to 8 by agent
2. Have commissioner on call
3. Keep it as is, one commissioner to come in

Dempsey's concern is he doesn't want to be a rubberstamp committee.

Option one is what everyone wants. As of July 1, this will start.

4. RDA/GRDA- Work on electric row 394 (line) - Meninger motions to open hearing at 7:32 pm. Schaefer seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

This involves the transmission lines. National grid will use mats to place over areas and vegetation. The crews will be excavating around concrete footings. A lot of structures are in the buffer zone. The area of foundations is about 10 feet. They will excavate as needed. They will go down 4 to 5 feet and there are nine structures. Starts at substation and goes up. If there is concrete they will be separating the areas.

Erosion controls will be placed by the crew as needed. They will be left in place until October. Work will be wrapped up until November. Crane Pond Area- there is hunting there.

Meninger motions to close hearing at 7:45 p.m. on RDA/GRDA work on Electric row and Row 394 line it has negative impact with conditions. The motion is second by Schaeffer. (Voted: 5-0).

5. RDA/GRDA tank replacement at 908 Salem St. - Meninger motions to open hearing at 7:47 PM. Formosi seconds the motion. (Voted 5-0).

The Groveland Gas Station is replacing the tanks in front of dance studio and on side of building. There are four tanks and they are going down to two tanks. The wetlands are on the back and side on the parcel. The tanks are 10 feet from dance studio. The tanks are 35 years old and are single wall metal which cannot be used any longer per new state regulations.

When the tanks are removed, an environmental assessment will be done before new tanks are put in. Dempsey said what happens if there is leakage and it ran into buffer zone. They would have to file an NOI at that point.

Meninger asked what is going to happen to stockpile. Most of the material will be recycled-two layers of plastic. Pea stone needs to be placed when tanks are installed.

Action Taken:

Schaefer motioned to approve the plans as discussed, issue no-impact letter and close hearing at 8:01p.m. Meninger seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

6. RGA-GRDA tree removal on Baldwin Terrace. Meninger motions to open hearing at 8:02p.m. Schaefer seconds the motion.

The top of the tree broke off and fell on the abutter's fence-two trees fell on fence. There are four trees which the abutter wants taken down. They are white pine trees which do not root well.

Action Taken:

Meninger motioned to close the hearing at 8:15 p.m. and approve 4 trees to be taken down. O'Connor seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

7. 441 Main St.- Withdrawn because they change their plans.
8. Minutes voted on next month.
9. Jay Ogden-change 35 Wood St. They reshaped in resized to the house and garage. Commissioners agreed there is no need to refile.
10. Updates on Johnson Pond

Jim Manganiello and Senator Tarr are trying to get \$70,000 toward water lilly removal, and boulders at Lower Center St. We can take \$50,000 with approved CPA funds for removal. More planning must be done on pond and creek.

Waiting for filings for:

194 Main St.

NOI for Billis way

Proposal for homes on Center Street

11. Lower Center Street-recycling bin. We can purchase one with left over expense money if it's not there.
12. (Action Taken:) Formosi motions to open an NOI/GNOI weed removal at 8:37p.m. O'Connor seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0)

This project will accomplish two things:

1. Remove the weeds-8 acres of wildlife from Washington Street out to middle of pond.
2. Improve the boat launch at Veasey Park.

This was filed with Boxford also. 25% of pond is in Boxford. The work will be done by Hydro-Raking the lilies.

No chemicals in water.

Water quality measurements-what's in there.

What is the problem in Johnson's Pond? Is there too much fertilizer, septic?

How long will hydro-raking take. Approximately 21 work days. The bottom of the Veasey Park to be the main launch area will be done.

(Action Taken:)

Schaefer motions to approve NOI/GNOI weed removal and boat launch for Johnsons Pond at 201 Washington St. Formosi seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

13. FY 2018 positions.

Meninger and Formosi were approved by the BOS until July 1, 2020.

(Actions Taken:)

Dempsey motions to appoint Meninger as the chair of the commission from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018. Second by Formosi.

(Voted: 5-0).

Meninger motions to appoint John Gebauer as vice-chair. Dempsey seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

Dempsey moves to authorize the chair to sign for the Commission-Meninger seconds. (Voted: 5-0).

Agent Appointments

Dempsey motions that Claire Walsh, Pam Blaquire, Carol Funcion are appointed as agents to perform the day to day management of Veasey Park for the commission until June 30, 2018 or serving until annual appointment or appointment of replacements takes place no later than 90 days after that date. Meninger seconds the motion. (Voted: 5-0).

Meninger appoints Mike Dempsey as the Commission representative to the Veasey Park Management Committee for 1 year term. Second by Formosi. (Voted: 5-0).

Next meetings-July 12, September 13

No meeting in August as of now

Schaefer motions to close at 9:31 p.m. Meninger seconds. (Voted 5-0).

Meningee
Chair of Conservation Commission

7/12/17
Date