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BOARD: Conservation Commission
MEETING DATE: **March 13, 2024**
MEETING PLACE: Town Hall and Zoom
TIME: 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: B. Formosi, M. Dempsey, S. Bartelt, R. York, F. O'Connor, T. Grim
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: T. Schaefer
GUESTS: Chris Olson (194 King St *Representative*), Dianne Plantamura, John Riley (4 Federal Way *Representative*), Steve Mikolop (337 Center Street), John Helfrich (47 Center Street)

Note: Minutes are not a transcript; see the recorded meeting for verbatim information.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, "An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency", extended by the Governor on March 30, 2023, which extended permission for boards and commissions to conduct remote meetings, the Planning Board conducted this meeting in a hybrid format.

CALL TO ORDER

Dempsey calls the meeting to order at 7 PM on Wednesday March 13, 2024.

MOTION: Grim motions to open the meeting. Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes. *No Formosi.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4 FEDERAL WAY *Continued* – NOI for the installation of two diesel generators behind the existing building, expand gravel area, a chain link fence, and a stone infiltration trench.

Riley: Since our last meeting we had a site walk. As a result, we are only proposing one generator behind the building and we will no longer need to move the fence, and the infiltration trench will be outside of the buffer zone. There may be some temporary disruption during the installation of the trench, but just tracks moving on grass. There are still erosion controls proposed.

Dempsey: This is a good alternative.

MOTION: Grim motions to accept this revised plan as presented and close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions. O'Connor seconded the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously. *No Formosi.*

194 KING STREET *NEW* – NOI for a replacement septic system at a single-family home.

MOTION: Grim motions to open the hearing for 194 King Street Notice of Intent. Bartelt seconded the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously. *No Formosi.*

Chris Olson: The current home is a two-bedroom single family home that is in hydraulic failure. We are looking to be able to replace the septic system and connect to Town water. No work is proposed in any wetland or floodplain. The septic system is outside of the 50-foot buffer zone, although the water

connection will be closer. Erosion controls will be installed at the limit of work. The field will basically take up the entirety of the front yard and will have to be built up slightly.

Dempsey: So, the system is about 60 feet from the wetlands?

Olson: Yes, the entire system will be outside of the 50-foot buffer.

Dempsey: There really isn't much of a choice of location.

Bartelt: Sewer?

Agent: If there were sewer in the road they would be required to connect.

Olson: Yes, we investigated and there is no sewer in the road, but there is water which we will be connecting to.

Dempsey: When was the built?

Olson: Town records indicate 1976.

Formosi joins the meeting at 7:20 PM. All motions moving forward will include Formosi.

MOTION: Grim motions that we accept this proposal for septic replacement with the erosion control noted pending the DEP number, close the hearing, and continue to April 10th. Bartelt seconded the motion. Voting aye; Grim, O'Connor, Dempsey, York, Bartelt. Formosi abstains. The motion passes.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

337 CENTER STREET – RDA for a carport at a single-family home.

Dempsey: We did a site walk at this location last week.

S. Mikolop: I'm looking to put up at 24 x 30 metal carport on an existing asphalt pad that would be secured with mobile home accords. There will be no fill brought in, no fill taken out, and no changes to the asphalt pad.

Dempsey: We've spoken about this multiple times in the past so I appreciate you were able to find something that would work with the Commission.

MOTION: Bartelt motions to approve the project at 337 Center St with a negative determination for the RDA. Grim seconds the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

47 CENTER STREET – GRDA for tree work/clearing at a single-family home.

Dempsey: We also did a site walk here last week. Does anyone have any questions on this?

Bartelt: The only thing for work you have listed is to clear the overturned tree and some vine clearing.

Helfrich: Yes, and just clearing some more of the broken trees.

Grim: For the birch you were going to just let it decompose. Eventually get the power line underground but that would be down the road.

Helfrich: Correct.

MOTION: Bartelt motions to approve the project at 47 Center St to remove an uprooted tree and clear vines on the north side of the driveway, this is a negative determination for the GRDA. Grim seconds the motions. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

3 OAKLAND TERRACE – RDA for drainage work at a single-family home.

Agent: For this project they are looking to add a French drain along the bottom of their deck because their yard is pitched towards their home and causing flooding in their basement. They don't want to regrade their entire backyard to fix this issue. They will have this French drain connect to a pipe with a flared end with rip rap. They have provided a plan showing where the French drain and flared end will be, which show the distances from the flared end to the wetlands. The drain is only collecting rainwater.

Grim: I'm assuming the flared end is going there because that is where is daylight and works with the slope?

Agent: Correct.

Dempsey: Is this the house that borders Maple Lane? How do we know that this exit isn't going to cause water to flow down into the wetlands? Are there measures that should be taken, such as gravel around the flared end?

Agent: The water will head to the wetlands, but if they were to regrade it would do that as well. They have proposed rip rap at the flared end; where it ends is still grass and they don't want that to erode away.

Bartelt: Who designed this?

Agent: They had a landscape/hardscape company do the design.

Bartelt: Does this need to be approved by an engineer? Since we've had some issues here before.

Agent: I don't think so. Given the nature, size, and purpose of the project.

Formosi: How long is the French drain?

Agent: About 10.5 feet.

Grim: It doesn't seem like it would do much.

Agent: When I've been out there before, last spring, there was substantial puddling in the area. I think the puddling is so close to the foundation and that door and it leaches into their home.

Formosi: Erosion control while they're digging.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to approve the project, issue a negative determination, with work to begin after the seasonal restriction, and erosion controls at the limit of work. Grim seconds the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously in favor.

PROJECT UPDATES

Presentation Veasey Tree Reforestation from Dianne Plantamura

Plantamura: Gives presentation on the Veasey Tree Reforestation project. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

York: When this is complete, who will be taking care of all this hard work?

Plantamura: This is an ongoing Master Gardeners location. They are very excited about it.

Dempsey: It's also been found that once this has been established it can fight off the invasives itself.

Plantamura: And hopefully by then it is taking care of itself, no more irrigation or weeding.

Veasey Park 2024 Plan

Dempsey: Explains the Veasey Park 2024 Plan. The plan is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: Grim motions to approve the plan. Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously.

Lower Center Street Clean Up

Dempsey: We did this last year, spent a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. This year I'm proposing Saturday April 6th at 8 am. I have a sign that I want to install that says, "Johnson's Pond Overlook".

MINUTES - Approval of September 27, 2023, meeting minutes.

Agent: This was a typo and should have read a different date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jill Carr's CV.

CONSERVATION AGENT UPDATE

Agent: This is coming to be our busy season, so prepare for busier agendas moving forward. General Town updates include Town Meeting on April 29th and Local Elections on May 6th. Other than that, I have no updates.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dempsey: Want to note that Commissioner Bartelt is applying for a CPC project for redoing the landscaping at Perry Park. Hopefully people will come to Town Meeting to support that.

OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING

NEXT MEETING April 10th @ 7 PM

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Grim motions to adjourn. Bartelt seconds the motion. Voted all in favor, the motion passes unanimously.