**Minutes of January 23, 2020**

# Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, the meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the O’Neill Conference Room at Dedham Town Hall, 26 Bryant Street, at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday January 9, 2020.

# **The following Commissioners were present:**

Laura Bugay, Chair

Stephanie Radner, Clerk

Nick Garlick

Leigh Hafrey

Sean Hanley

Nathan Gauthier

Eliot Foulds

The following staff were also present:

Elissa Brown, Agent

Renee Johnson, Administrator

The following Commissioners were absent:

Michelle Kayserman, Vice Chair

Bob Holmes

Commissioner Bugay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Dedham Wetlands Bylaw, and the Dedham Stormwater Management Bylaw.

**Continuances:**

**To February 6, 2020**

* **637 East Street, Frank Gobi, Applicant – John Glossa, Glossa Engineering, Rep.** - Roadway and utilities for a proposed subdivision adjacent to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands- (DEP File # 141-0486).
* **92 Country Club Road, Robert Naser, Applicant-Scot Henderson, Henderson Consulting, Representative -** Notice of Intent and Major Stormwater Management Permit application for the renovation of an existing single-family dwelling (DEP #141-0560, MSMP 2019-12). Scott Henderson.

**To February 20, 2020**

* **70 Hastings Road, Joseph Federico, Applicant – Scott Henderson, Henderson Consulting Services, Representative –** Construction of a new single-family dwelling on an unimproved lot (Dedham NOI 2019-01, MSMP 2019-21)

Commissioner Bugay moved to continue the first two applications to February 6, 2020 and the third to February 20, 2020. Commissioner Hafrey seconded, all were in favor.

**Continued Applications:**

* **43 Hillsdale Road, Carlos Fereirra, Applicant**  – Revised stormwater management proposal for two new SFD (MSMP 2019-18). Carlos Fereirra was present.

At the request of the Building Commissioner, an existing conditions plan stamped by a PLS was provided. The TSS calc credit for driveway sweeping was removed from the O&M plan as per the MA Stormwater Handbook and recalculated. The 3rd Party reviewer signed off on the calculations and phosphorus removal as the plan incorporated 2 retention systems and tied into an existing catch basin. Mr. Fereirra stated that he has retained a landscape architect for project, and proposed to use 18 inches of soil to support trees and shrubs.

The Commission requested that more information concerning the depth of the soil and further explanation of how the proposed trees would survive with limited soil depth. The Commission also requested that the Landscape Architect supply appropriate plants for ground cover and shrubs for stabilizing the soil on the slopes. Lastly, the Commission requested a revised plan showing the changes in grading and vegetation, and a more robust planting plan.

James Haynes, 39 Hillsdale Road, asked how the applicant was able to continue with the project while simultaneously being in noncompliance with the Building Department and a Stop Work order. He shared his concerns regarding the retaining wall near his property, and the gas lines located underneath the property.

Mr. Bill Gorham (former ConCom Commissioner) asked for further clarification by the applicant on the infiltration system, grading and stormwater systems.

John Rice, 23 Hillsdale Road, stated that in his opinion the existing storm drain referenced by Mr. Gorham was insufficient, and caused overflow of water in the area which in turn created dangerous freezing conditions for the neighborhood children as it was directly across from the school bus stop. Additionally, he shared that the project proposed concerned him, as it would create more runoff.

The Commission stated that they would ask Engineering to assess the catch basin located near the parcels in late spring/early summer.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to continue until February 6th, 2020. Commissioner Radner seconded. All were in favor.

* **8 Industrial Way, Hurley Wire and Cable, Applicant – Joe Murphy, Representative** – Major Stormwater Management Permit for the demolition of existing wooden addition and replacement with new steel structure with loading dock and access ramp (MSMP 2019-14).

A set of final revised plans had not yet been received by the Commission as the aplicnt was still working on addressing commission comments.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to continue to February 6th. Commissioner Hafrey seconded. All were in a favor.

* **7 Bussey Street, Barry Noone, Applicant** – Demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and construction of a new single-family dwelling (MSMP 2019-19). Haley Olley and Paul Lindholm were present.

Mr. Lindholm was added to the project team. He presented a revised plan showing a subsurface infiltration system that was less than 10 ft from the house and property line but would require a waiver since it would not store more than 2” of stormwater from the total impervious surface of the site. He asked the Commission to opine on whether they would be open to a waiver request for the full amount due to the limited size of the site and depth to groundwater. The current planting plan provided was discussed and deemed adequate. The Commission stated that they were amenable to a waiver request due to the small size of the lot.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to continue until February 6, 2020, Commissioner Gauthier seconded. All were in favor.

* **140 West Jersey Street, Supreme Development, Inc – Giorgio Petruzziello, Applicant – Michael Carter, GCG Associates, Inc., Representative** – Construction of a new SFD on an undeveloped portion of a lot (MSMP 2019-20.) Michael Carter and Giorgio Petruzziello were present.

Mr. Carter presented a revised plan that included the tree protection detail, drawn to scale with construction fencing along drip line. The infiltration system detail was revised to include double-washed stone, and filter fabric on the top and sides only. The storage capacity calcs were revised using a 30% void ratio, rather than 40%. They also included the pervious paver in the Hydrocad report, provided test pit data from a nearby property and updated the O&M plan with the correct address and plan date. The project was found to be in compliance with the regulations of the Conservation Commission.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to close the hearing and issue the Major Stormwater Management Permit, Commissioner Radner sounded. All were in favor.

**New Applications:**

* **Barnes Memorial Field, Snow Storage, Joseph Flanagan,** **Applicant**  - Snow storage on the paved parking lot adjacent to Wigwam Brook (RDA 2019-09). Agent Brown stated that the DPW had installed erosion and sedimentation controls to manage snow storage in the parking lot, but as far from the brook as feasible.

Commissioner Bugay made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability. Commissioner Hanley seconded. All were in favor.

**Informal Discussion:**

* **Notice of Violation-39 LaMoine Street.** Curtis Young and Joey Federico were present.

Neighbors notified the Commission that an approximately 100 ft long 2 ft x 2ft trench had been dug draining a wetland and potential vernal pool, located on a 6-acre undeveloped parcel between East Street and Blueberry Hill Road. A restoration plan, developed by the applicant’s wetland scientist, was approved by the Conservation Agent, Chair and Vice Chair. A Notice of Violation was issued with the proposed restoration plan. The plan had been immediately implemented; however the trench was backfilled only with nearby material and did not include the proposed 8 ft plug. The Commission will verify that the restoration effort conducted is adequate to stop draining of the potential vernal pool.

Marlene Del Rosario, abutter to the property, stated that she had gotten her backyard certified as a new Wildlife Habitat Garden. She wanted the Commission to be aware that some of the rock that was used to re-fill the trench she believed was highly permeable and might not be effective.

Rosemary Short, 60 Winstead Road, questioned the notification process. She noted that there have been drastic impacts on the bird population due to the development of the adjacent Liana Lane.

* **Request for Minor Modification-124 Quabbish Road-** Curtis Young and Joey Federico were present.Mr. Young presented a request to revise the configuration of the wetlands restoration area from that originally proposed. He stated that the new configuration has the same areal extent and may improve flow in the wetlands. The Commission issued an approval.
* **1085 East Street-** The Commission issued a Stormwater Management Compliance Certificate.

**Agents Report**

* **Bylaw Change – Fees *–***Currently the Conservation Commission charges $0 for mSMP and $30 or $0.003/sf for MSMP. The review of an mSMP typically takes the Agent less than an hour, however a MSMP generally takes the Agent several hours to review. Agent Brown recommended the fees to be set at $50 for a mSMP and $500 for a MSMP. The Commission was in favor.
* **Conservation Coffee – February 12th 7:30 AM** The Conservation Department in conjunction with the Environmental Department will host monthly public outreach meetings in the lower conference of town hall. The Agent and the Environmental Coordinator hope to facilitate open dialogue with Dedham Residents to address any questions, concerns or share information within the town. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
* **MACC Annual Conference – February 29th at Holy Cross -**All Conservation Commissioners are encouraged to attend this annual conference. The Conservation Agent is willing to pay for any Commissioner who wishes to attend.

**Minutes:** Commissioner Bugay made a motion to postpone approval of the December 19th  and January 9th minutes to allow time for review.

Commissioner Bugay moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hanley. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Johnson, Administrator