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TOWN OF DEDHAM

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 18, 2021

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and given the current prohibitions on gatherings imposed by Governor Baker's March 23, 2020 "Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People," this public hearing was conducted virtually, as allowed by Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20.

The following Commissioners were present:

Stephanie Radner, Chair Pro Tempe
Eliot Foulds, Clerk
Bob Holmes
Leigh Hafrey
Nick Garlick
Nathan Gauthier
Sean Hanley

The following staff were also present:

Elissa Brown, Agent

The following Commissioner was absent:

Michelle Kayserman

The following Applicants and/or Representatives were present:

Don Kearney – Applicant – 100 Lowder Street
Steve Locke – Applicant – Dedham Westwood Water District (DWWD) – Eastern Ave
Darwin Cevallos, Weston & Sampson (W&S) – Representative – Eastern Ave
Jay Bullens - Applicant – 7 Schoolmaster Lane
John Glossa – Representative – 7 Schoolmaster Lane
Karon Skinner-Catrone – Representative - 7 Schoolmaster Lane

Commissioner Radner 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.

1. Draft 2021 Stormwater Regulations Revision –

Ms. Radner re-opened the public hearing on the draft 2021 stormwater fee revisions. Agent Brown informed the Commission that the Attorney General had not yet approved the Bylaw Change so it would be prudent to continue this hearing until that has been done. In the meantime, the Town's new Public Information/Outreach Office will be preparing outreach documents in the hopes of eliciting more public comments.

No comments were received from members of the audience.

Ms. Radner moved to continue the public hearing to the next meeting. Mr. Gauthier seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

2. Discussion of Fill in Jurisdictional and Non-Jurisdictional Areas

Agent Brown presented a revised draft fill policy that would bring permitting requirements for fill in non-jurisdictional areas into line with existing permit criteria (as long as erosion and sedimentation controls are installed):

<500 cf of fill – exempt

500 to <2,000 cf of fill – Administrative approval required

2,000 cf + of fill – MSMP permit required, but no calcs

Ms. Radner moved to continue the discussion to the next meeting. Mr. Gauthier seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

3. New Applications

3.1 100 Lowder Street – RDA 2021-01 – Addition to Single Family Dwelling –

Owner: Don & Yvonne Kearney

Applicant: Don Kearney

Mr. Kearney explained that he wanted to construct an addition at the end of his driveway. He explained that construction can't go further into the back yard due to the presence of a bedrock knoll. He stated that this would also prevent any potential erosion and sedimentation into the wetlands.

Ms. Radner noted that the delineation was not confirmed in entirety. Agent Brown explained that the flag had been placed too close to the house but because the proposed work was so far from the assumed correct wetland boundary and there was no potential for sedimentation into the wetlands that, rather than move the flag, the record just indicate that the flag is not confirmed.

Ms. Radner moved to close the hearing and issue a Negative Determination of Applicability. Mr. Hafrey seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

3.2 Eastern Avenue, East Street to Bryant Street – DEP #141-0584 - Water Main Replacement

Owner: Town of Dedham ROW

Applicant: DWWD

Representative: Darwin Cevallos, W&S

Mr. Cevallos explained that DWWD needs to abandon in-place a very old 6-inch pipe that is in poor condition and replace it with a 12-inch pipe in the same trench, which will be necessary to accommodate potential new development at 95 Eastern Ave. For efficiency and to minimize disruption, they would like to conduct this work prior to the Town's Complete Streets project. The 12- inch line will connect with an existing (circa 1965) 6-inch line that exists over the Wigwam Pond culvert. All soil removed from the trench will be live-loaded or temporarily stored outside of jurisdictional areas until

transported off-site. A dewatering basin will be installed outside of jurisdictional areas on either side of the culvert. Based on other work that has been conducted in the area, no soil contamination issues are anticipated.

The trench will be about 5 feet deep and is unlikely to encounter groundwater. Test pits will be dug at the start of construction to confirm. The Commission requested that a detailed dewatering plan be submitted for approval following advancement of the test pits and prior to start of work.

Ms. Radner moved to continue the hearing to March 4, 2021. Mr. Hafrey seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

5. Request for Extension – 537 & 538 Bridge Street and 5 Reservoir Road – DWWD – RDA 2018-04

Mr. Locke explained that planned redevelopment of the wells had been delayed because the wells had been off-line during the treatment plant construction. They are now ready to bring them back on-line.

Ms. Radner moved to approve the request for one year extension of RDA 2018-04 . Mr. Hafrey seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

3. 7 Schoolmaster Lane – DEP #141-0578 – AFTER-THE-FACT restoration of disturbed BZ, new driveway

Owner/Applicant: Jay Bullens Representative: Karon Catrone and John Glossa, Glossa Eng.
Request: OOC

Mr. Glossa informed the Commission that the applicant wishes at this point to restore the buffer zone to its original (as best as can be determined from Google Earth photographs) conditions. The stone wall at the street will be removed to the extent that the existing driveway can be used and 16 trees (a mixture of sugar maples, white pine, and red cedar) will be planted to replace the approximately 6 removed. Additional trees and shrubs will be installed elsewhere on the site. The remainder of the disturbed areas will be lawn.

Mr. Gauthier questioned whether there will be any treatment of the driveway runoff. Mr. Glossa explained that this would not be possible due to the presence of a potable water well in the front yard.

Ms. Radner moved to continue the hearing to March 4, 2021 . Mr. Hafrey seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.

6. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of 2/4/21 was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Agents Report

Agent Brown apprised the Commission of the status of the Conservation Dept. Assistant Conservation Agent position; the Capital Improvement Request for an electric car and charging station at Town Hall, and applications for 80 Bridge Street, 725 Providence Highway, and 95 Eastern Ave.

Mr. Hafrey moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31. Ms. Radner seconded. Mr. Foulds, Hafrey, Gauthier, Garlick, Holmes, and Ms. Radner approved.