



Town of Boylston Conservation Commission conservation@boylston-ma.gov
221 Main Street, Boylston MA 01505 ** Telephone (508) 869-6127 ** Fax (508) 869-6210

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2015

Members Present: Mark Coakley, Jeffrey Walsh, Chip Burkhardt, Joe McGrath, Dan Duffy

Members Absent: Rebecca Longvall, Shannon Holgate

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Joe McGrath

Building Permit Request, Lot23B, Compass Circle

Applicant Jim Haynes appeared before Commission to request a Building Permit approval. Jeff Walsh recused himself from the matter. The Commission reviewed the location and plan for the lot, and a motion was made by Mark Coakley, and seconded by Joe McGrath, to approve the permit. The motion passed unanimously.

Continued Public Hearing: Boylston Public Library; Notice of Intent, File #115-381

Patrick Healy, from Thompson-Liston, appeared on behalf of the applicant and submitted a revised plan including changes recommended by Graves Engineering (GEI). The snow storage area was kept in its proposed location, as Mr. Healy felt that there was sufficient distance from the storage area to the adjacent resource area to allow for the filtering of any sand from the snow melt. No change to the scope of parking area was required to meet ADA requirements. The Planning Board has approved the revised plan. The discharge pipe was eliminated by increasing the infiltration area in the stormwater system. Revised drainage calculations were submitted. Additional details were added for storm basin design per GEI's request. Mr. Healy also addressed the concern regarding the nearest abutter's septic leach field, indicating that there was sufficient distance between the leach field and the proposed construction so as to mitigate any impact. A motion was made by Joe McGrath to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Chip Burkhardt, and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Chip Burkhardt then seconded by Dan Duffy to issue a standard Order of Conditions. The motion passed unanimously. The dates of the revised plans submitted this evening were noted in the Order of Conditions.

Public Hearing: Worcester Pistol & Rifle Club, 255 Sewall Street, NOI Request, File #115-382

Scott Morrison, Eco-Tec, represented the applicant. An ad fee reimbursement was requested. Mr. Morrison described plans to build an access bridge over an existing stream to allow construction equipment access to remove lead from the dirt mounds in the rear of the range. A concrete slab was proposed as the stream crossing. A small drainage swale and new berm were proposed. No dirt or natural material will be removed. Erosion control measures will be installed per the submitted plan. The proposed stream crossing was to remain in place post-construction for future maintenance requirements, and met all state criteria for water flow. Joe McGrath commented that excavation equipment should not be kept in the rear area for extended periods. Dan Duffy and Mark Coakley requested more information on the construction sequence and processes to be used to remove the lead. The applicant's representative indicated he would get

that information for the Commission and place it on the plans. It was noted that some clean fill will need to be added to the site; the Commission noted that the fill will have to be inspected prior to deposit to assure it meets requirements for cleanliness and coarseness. Ms. Elaine Jones, an abutter, is concerned about how lead dust will be contained during the recovery operation. The applicant was not able to answer the question but will get an answer from the reclamation company. Sue Sleczkowski, One Northeast Way, asked why this is being done now. The applicant stated that the Club was concerned about groundwater pollution and had the available funds. Mr. Eric Rubinow, Northeast Way, asked if any soil testing will be done and if the club is concerned about leaching of lead into the soil. The applicant indicated that as this was a voluntary effort, no formal soil testing was planned. Ms. Elaine Jones also asked if construction of the new berm will increase noise levels from the range. The applicant said that there would be no change. The applicant then requested a continuance. Mark Coakley made a motion, seconded by Dan Duffy, to accept the request for continuance. The motion passed unanimously. The Public Hearing was continued to 7PM on January 25, 2015.

Public Meeting: Susan Hudson, 120 Nicholas Ave, Request for Determination of Applicability

Bill Hudson, husband of the applicant, came before the Commission. The request was to allow for maintenance of existing duck pond walls, and a walkway to the pond and dock. Dan Duffy and Joe McGrath visited the site and verified that no damage to the wetland areas occurred, and that the work the applicant had performed was all done to maintain existing structures. The commission reviewed previous permit applications that had been filed in 1980, and in 2005 for similar work. Mr. Hudson submitted an add fee. Joe McGrath made a motion to close the Public Meeting, which was seconded by Chip Burkhardt and passed unanimously. A motion was made by Chip Burkhardt to issue a negative determination, reason #2, in that all work was done as maintenance to an existing walkway. Dan Duffy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Commission recommended that the applicant register the determination.

Commission Business:

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 25th, 2016

Joe McGrath noted that he had received a request via Sandy Bourassa, Town Clerk, from Mr. Robert Killion, Spectra Energy, on the status of conservation restricted land in Boylston. Mr. McGrath responded by email, a copy of which was sent to the Commission Administrator.

The proposed budget for 2016 was discussed. Jeff Walsh will attempt to get additional hours for the administrator into the regular budget as opposed to using fees from our special conservation fund. Joe McGrath requested that he be allowed to attend the budget meeting as the current budget for NPDES Stormwater Permitting may not be sufficient to meet the filing requirements for the new general permit. According to our current stormwater consultant, Woodard & Curran, fees for the new permit could be two or three times higher than budgeted.

A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes dated November 16, 2015 by Chip Burkhardt with a minor correction. The sentence "Because they could not fully meet c, d, and e, that have to meet..." should read "Because they could not fully meet c, d, and e, they have to meet..."

December 21, 2015 Conservation Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed a request for a Certificate of Compliance, for File# 115-354, School Street. Scott Goddard, Wetlands Scientist, on behalf of the owner, submitted a letter with evidence that the conditions of the Order of Compliance had been met. Mark Coakley made a motion, seconded by Chip Burkhardt, to issue the Certificate of Compliance, which was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50PM