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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2015

Members Present: Mark Coakley, Jeff Walsh, Joe McGrath

Members Absent: Chip Burkhardt, Shannon Holgate

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

Brett Sarno (30 Stiles Road) – Mr. Sarno was before the commission in August for a violation in a resource area. With no filing being submitted for months and minimal communication, an Enforcement Order was issued on December 15th. Mr. Sarno said he did not file in time for this meeting because he had questions that his engineer needed answers to; one being could a Request for Determination of Applicability be filed. Joe McGrath said an RDA could only be considered after the damage that was done to the area was restored. Mr. Sarno asked if a botanist was required for a Notice of Intent and was told that an NOI requires an engineer who has a wetland specialist available who can identify the bordering edge of the wetlands and how far back the stream is. A plan that shows where the resource area is (stream), how close he is building to it, and where the edge of the wetlands are on both sides of the stream will be required. Mark Coakley said any restoration work will require using appropriate plantings which the wetland specialist will tell him. Mr. Sarno asked if the NOI should include what was done and the restoration. He was told yes and to also include all work he intends to do. The stream is perennial and any work that is within 200' is jurisdictional and needs to be delineated. Mr. Sarno did not think he would be ready for the February meeting. He was informed that in order to meet the requirements of the Enforcement Order, he needs to file, be placed on the agenda, and can ask for an extension for next month. He was told that if he cannot file the NOI for the February meeting, he needs to get it done for March, but to notify us (by email to the office) for the February meeting with the progress made with the engineer (who he retained and if he has a wetland scientist). The commission does not want to go months without communication from him. There is a civil fine that may be imposed if we don't hear from him for the February meeting.

Compass Pointe (Status Report & Road Update) – James Venincasa sent an email to the office stating that he is no longer involved with Signature Homes or Monogram properties and to contact Mike Venincasa. Steven Venincasa called the office this afternoon to say that he is in negotiations with the bank to take over the project and will keep the commission informed. Joe McGrath made a motion to advise Mr. Venincasa to attend the February meeting; Mark Coakley seconded the motion; Joe McGrath and Mark Coakley voted in favor; Jeff Walsh abstained. Paul Baril (8 Compass Circle) asked if the commission would be calling in the bond. He was told no action could be taken tonight because of a lack of quorum, but it could be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vouchers were approved.

Mark Coakley made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2014 with changes noted; Joe McGrath seconded; Joe McGrath and Mark Coakley voted in favor; Jeff Walsh abstained.

Due to the regular meeting date falling on President's, Tuesday, February 17, 2015 was confirmed as the date for the next meeting.

Pleasant Hill Farms (Stormwater and Drainage Structures Maintenance) – Michael Hayeck and Michael Levy (Pleasant Hill Farms Homeowners Association Directors) will be invited to attend the February meeting to discuss the detention basin maintenance issue.

Joe McGrath made a motion to adjourn; Jeff Walsh seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:35 p.m.