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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2021

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Kershaw, Stephen Choquette, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

Absent: Matt Habershaw, Associate Member Sara Huber, Associate Member Scott Pennoyer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Hearing and Meetings

1. Lillie Mae – 367 Anawan Street - RDA

Mr. Roach stated that the applicant had requested a continuance until January 19, 2021.

2. Andrade – 45 Medalist Drive – NOI – SE60-1211

Mr. Chris Andrade of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Andrade presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated that you made a note that the BVW is also the mean annual high-water line.

Mr. Andrade replied yes.

Mr. Materne stated that anything highlighted on the plan is verifiable. You have between 1500 – 1700 linear feet of wetland line. That would require an ANRAD filing. You'll need to revise the plan and take off what is not needed for the project or you have to file an ANRAD.

Mr. Andrade agreed.

Mr. Materne stated that Mr. Evans had gone out and verified the wetland line across the street near the bridge.

Mr. Evans stated that that looks good.

Mr. Materne stated he had done the wetland line on the left-hand side of the property. Asked Mr. Evans if he felt there was a need to go back out to the property to verify the pond edge or did he feel that they were far enough away that it was not going to have an impact?

Mr. Evans stated that the outer riparian zone is right up to the project. The limit of work is on the 200' foot mark.

Mr. Materne stated that if Mr. Andrade is correct and that is a pond, the riparian zone ends at flag B13. The mean annual high-water line ends at the road.

Mr. Evans stated as long as we get the plan back with the corrected highlighted area, we probably don't need to go out. He wants to look at the plan first.

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Mr. Andrade stated that the highlighted area should be C1-C4B and none of E. He'll redo the plans do that an accurate description of what we're looking to delineate.

Mr. Materne stated that if the commission doesn't have to go out to the site, we can close the public hearing, then condition it that an Authorization to Proceed wouldn't be issued until revised plans are received. Asked how the commission felt?

The commission agreed that the public hearing could be closed.

Mr. Materne asked if the audience had any questions or concerns, there were none.

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the public hearing.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue Order of Conditions, with the condition that the commission will not issue an Authorization to Proceed until revised plans are received.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

3. Helgeson – 87 Winthrop Street – NOI – SE60-1217

Mr. Roach stated this application had already been taken care of at the last meeting.

Mr. Materne stated that the plan has changed. We have to make sure that the erosion control is good.

4. Capital Design – 66 Mikayla Ann Drive - RDA

Mr. Roach stated that the applicant requested a continuance until January 19, 2021.

Mr. Materne opened the public hearing.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant a continuance until January 19, 2021.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

General Business

1. Estrela – 11 Osprey Circle – SE60-1029 – Request for COC

Mr. Roach stated that everything looked good erosion control is still in place. The grass has is not in yet. The slopes are not stabilized.

Mr. Materne stated that the commission doesn't generally issue a COC until the work had been stabilized. The commission agreed to wait to issue a COC.

2. Prachanronarong – 103-105 Davis Street – SE60-925 – Request for Extension

Mr. Prachanronarong recused himself.

Mr. Evans asked if this had expired?

Mr. Roach stated no.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant a 3-year extension.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

3. Prachanronarong – 109-111 Davis Street – SE60-923 – Request for Extension

Mr. Prachanronarong recused himself.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant a 3-year extension.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

4. Agent Update

Mr. Roach updated the commission on the Authorization to proceeds that had been issued since the last meeting.

Concerns & Complaints

1. 582 Winthrop Street – Concern– Working Past Scope of RDA

Mr. Roach stated that it had not been cold enough for the ground to freeze, still waiting on that to happen in order to be able to pull the stumps out.

5. 72 Martin Street – Concern

Mr. Materne asked if the owner had been in contact with Mr. Roach?

Mr. Roach stated he had not.

6. 97 Salisbury Street – Concern

Mr. Roach stated he sent a letter, as requested by the commission, to the property owner. He had not heard back from them. He will go to the property and speak to someone in person.

7. 29 County Street – Concerns

Mr. Roach stated this should be scheduled for a site walk.

Mr. Materne stated that the property owner will need to be there. They need to get the pipe out of the wetlands and have erosion controls in put in place.

8. 579 Winthrop Street – Baasch – Concern

Mr. Roach stated he went out to the site with Jeff Tallman of SiTec Engineering. They staked out the location of where the erosion control needs to be, it has been installed.

Mr. Choquette stated he had viewed the site and the erosion control has been done. It looks good.

Mr. Materne stated to make sure that Larry Auburn has a set of plans with the wetland line. The next step is to have the resource areas surveyed and have flags put up where they belong.

Mr. Roach stated that Mr. Tallman was told that we didn't want the property delineated, but reflagged according to the plan.

Mr. Choquette stated that he had told Mr. Auburn that as well.

9. 23 Winthrop Street – Concern

Mr. Materne asked Mr. Roach if he had got in touch with the owner?

Mr. Roach stated he had sent a letter. He did not have a phone number for the new owners.

Mr. Materne stated that there is a lot going on and they are working in the buffer zone.

10. 23 Bay State Road – Concern

Mr. Roach stated he left a voicemail message for the owner. He had not heard back from them yet.

Mr. Materne stated that if you talk to them ask if the commission can go out to the property for a site walk.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

For the Conservation Commission


Robert Materne, Chairman

David Evans, Vice-Chairman