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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2015

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong Steven Choquette, Matt Habershaw, Matt Kershaw Associate Member, Leeann Bradley Conservation Agent

Absent: Scott Pennoyer, Devin Escobar

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited at 7:02pm.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

<u>178 Summer Street – Solid waste in BVW</u> – No new information.

Manitook Estates - Need to look at site.

CURRENT ISSUES

- 1. 417 Winthrop St. Cartin Mr. Materne stated they made a visit to the property. Mr. Cartin had hired someone to do the excavation work but they did not show up. Mr. Cartin put in straw wattles and is waiting on the excavator. This will be added on the next site walk.
- 2. <u>72 Francis St. Rodriques possible buffer zone clearing</u> Ms. Bradley received an anonymous email regarding ongoing clear cutting in the front and back of the property. Mr. Materne has been out there and there are wetlands in the back. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriques were present and came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Materne began by stating they looked at their property and there are no wetlands in the front but there are wetlands present in the back. Any work within 100' of a wetland requires a filing with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Rodriques needs to identify the wetlands. Mr. Evans asked Mr. Rodriques to stop all work until they are able to take a look at the property at the next site walk on October 4, 2015. Mr. Rodriques agreed.
- 3. <u>131 Mason St. Noons Probable clear cutting within Rocky Run Brook Riverfront Area</u> Mr. Steven Noons of 140 Davis Street was present. Mr. Materne stated the Commission noticed he was clearing on the north side of Rocky Run Brook and anything within 200' of that is a protected resource area. Mr. Noons stated he wants to turn the parcel in to farm land and that it was perked 4 to 5 years ago when he bought the property. Mr. Materne informed Mr. Noons that any new farmland requires a filing if he is doing any work in the protected area. He noted the property needs to be flagged and that they found

some old flags by the bridge. Mr. Noons stated he has a farm plan for his other land and needs to update for this land. Mr. Noons was instructed that he needs to have the property flagged for BVW and MAHW then the Conservation Commission will take a look. The Commission suggested seeding the open area and remove brush, if time allows. He should run harrow and keep clearing to the left. There should be no clearing to the right. The Commission would like to see flagging completed by the first meeting in November. It will be added to the site visit list. No Enforcement Order will be issued at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion – Conservation Restriction – Atwells Farm – Luke Travis – Attorney Luke Travis was present representing his clients Mary Alice McGee and Blythe Penna. Mr. Travis gave a brief history of the property stating it is owned by Dr. Barry Saperia. Ms. Penna rents the property from Dr. Saperia and has had a dog exercise business for 9 years. It is for approximately 25 dogs that run in a contained area. She has a special permit for the business and now wants to buy the property from Mr. Saperia. Mr. Travis stated there is a Conservation Restriction that was discovered in the title search. The Conservation Restriction covers about 1/3 of the property. Mr. Travis approached the selectmen last night and they approved putting a warrant article on the Town Meeting subject to the approval of the Conservation Commission. There will be no structures on the property. Mr. Materne stated the wetland line has expired and Ms. Penna would need to reflag the area before she does any expansion to the dog area. Mr. Evans motioned to agree to release the Conservation Commissions obligations for the Conservation Restriction and allow the town to decide on this matter at the next town meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MINUTES

None

INVOICES

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,

Robert Materne, Chairman