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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2016

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Matt Habershaw, Matt Kershaw-Associate Member, Devin Escobar-Associate Member

Leeann Bradley Conservation Agent

Absent: Steven Choquette, Scott Pennoyer

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

178 Summer Street – Solid waste in BVW – No new information.

Manitook Estates – Conduct frequent site visits.

CURRENT ISSUES

1. 72 Francis Street – Mr. Ryan Rodrigues was present. Mr. Materne stated the wetland line has been verified. He reminded Mr. Rodrigues he has an Enforcement Order and cannot do any work within 100' of the wetland line. He must now restore the wetlands. They must excavate down to grade and then re-seed. There is nothing he can do now in January. He will need to wait until spring. Mr. Materne questioned a stable or garage on the property. Mr. Rodrigues stated the stable will be on the opposite side of the property and he has staked out an area for a garage. Mr. Materne made it clear, he will need to have plans drawn for the garage and he is not to move any flags. Mr. Rodrigues stated the garage will be a metal building to sit directly on the ground. Mr. Materne asked Mr. Rodrigues to come before the commission again in the spring to discuss how to proceed.

2. Manitook Estates – EO in effect – DEP EO received – Mr. Materne viewed the project. Nothing has been done. Ms. Bradley stated she received an email from the applicant that was forwarded to the commission. It states the applicant wanted to put in the erosion control and had approval from DEP. It has not been done yet.

3. 263 Winthrop St. – Tavares Landscaping – Mr. Tavares was present. Mr. Materne informed him the wetland line has been verified. The issue at hand is how to protect the wetlands. He stated he should continue the berm and revegetate in the spring. It should be a straight line. Mr. Materne noted that any changes within 100' of the flag will require that Mr. Tavares come before the commission again with a filing for an RDA. Mr. Tavares agreed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 297 Winthrop St. – SunConnect – ANRAD – SE60-1036 – This matter has been continued to the meeting of February 2, 2016.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Conservation Restriction – Reynolds Ave. – John DuVally – Mr. John DuVally was present. He stated he has been to a few Conservation Commission meetings and submitted plans however; he is not an expert on Conservation Restriction requirements and procedures. This is all new to him. The commission was asked to hold the Conservation Restriction. Mr. DuVally understood there was some potential maintenance or upkeep to the property. He then wrote a letter offering a donation if the Conservation Commission would hold the Conservation Restriction on said parcel. Mr. Evans stated this is something that has not been done before and the idea of holding Conservation Restriction's is something that seems to be coming up a lot in an effort by townspeople to maintain open space. Typically the Conservation Restriction also required a BDR (Baseline Documentation Report). This report states exactly what actions need to be taken. Preparing BDR's are labor intensive and involves documentation and photographs. The honorarium money varies in amounts. Mr. Evans stated there is a Rehoboth Land Trust meeting tomorrow and this matter is on the agenda. Mr. DuVally asked if there are any other boards that would be interested in holding the Conservation Restriction. Mr. Evans will get an answer and get back to Mr. DuVally. Mr. Evans will get more clarity at tomorrow night's meeting as to what the procedure is for a piece of land like this. Mr. DuVally asked Mr. Evans to contact him after the Rehoboth Land Trust meeting. Mr. Materne has noticed some fresh cutting in the wetlands at the back of the property and asked Mr. DuVally about this. Mr. DuVally was not aware of it but will check on it tomorrow.

2. Request for Certificate of Compliance – 31 Round Farm Road – SE60-941 – Ms. Bradley stated the applicant constructed a garage attached to the house instead of one by the edge of the BVW. They put in a concrete retaining wall. Everything looks good.

Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 31 Round Farm Road.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Request for Certificate of Compliance – 30 Hunt Drive – SE60-513 – Mr. Bradley stated the applicant is closing on their house. They have the as-built plan. The work on the plan was approved, however they have put in a pool and are grading. The boulder line was approved. Mr. Materne stated the above ground pool is an exempt activity but the grading is not. Ms. Bradley stated everything is stabilized and looks fine. She spoke to the homeowner and they had no idea they were in violation by installing a pool. Mr. Materne brought up concerns with applicants who do more work than what was approved. Ms. Bradley suggested raising the COC fee's for work done without approval. The commission will take this into consideration for future projects.

Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

****NOT ON AGENDA**

Mr. Materne stated the Health Agent Mr. Bob Ashton spoke to him regarding an issue with a home on Davis St. A complaint has been received regarding improperly installed erosion control for a septic system. The silt fence has collapsed and is now silting down into a pond and going across to the neighbor's property. Mr. Ashton is going to the property tomorrow to take a look and will get back to Mr. Materne.

MINUTES

1. July 7, 2015 2. August 4, 2015 3. August 18, 2015

Mr. Nicholson motioned to approve the above minutes reviewed by Mr. Materne with one typo change to be corrected on the July 7, 2015 minutes.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INVOICES

1.

Executive Session at 7:35pm for possible land purchase for the purpose of construction.

Roll call vote. All aye.

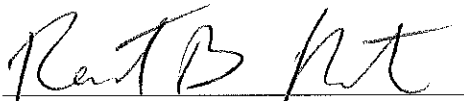
See Executive Session minutes for 1/19/16.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Materne", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Materne, Chairman