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# REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting Minutes - February 16, 2016

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Habershaw, Scott Pennoyer, Matt Kershaw-Associate Member

Absent: Leeann Bradley Conservation Agent, Steven Choquette, Devin Escobar-Associate Member

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pledge of Allegiance recited at 7:02 The State of Concerns and Complaints

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

1. 11 Old Providence Road, 25 & 29 Fall River Ave. – Raposo – sign Enforcement Order.

Mr. Materne began the meeting with this item and asked Ms. Raposo to come forward. He noted the commission found some violations with the property she owns. He realizes it is the tenant and not Ms. Raposo who is in violation but added the issues need to be corrected. Mr. Materne stated the commission made a visit to the property and found wood chips in a resources area that is tidal. An Enforcement Order must be issued until it is cleaned up. Mr. Habershaw spoke to Ms. Raposo at the site visit, adding she was very cooperative and he does not anticipate any problems going forward. Mr. Materne reviewed his findings with the commission members who were not present at the site walk. He noted the area will need to be delineated. This will determine where work can and can't take place. He added it is up to Ms. Raposo as to how this will work out with her tenant. Mr. Habershaw stated there is approximately 16 to 20 yards of material to be removed. Mr. Materne noted another issue is the number of vehicles on the property and questioned if they are leaching into the resource area. Ms. Raposo stated that whatever the commission asks of her she will do, and added she has a tenant moving out and the tenant is moving the vehicles as well. Mr. Habershaw suggested that the commission meet and walk the property with Ms. Raposo and point out the issues and how best to address them. Mr. Materne noted the Enforcement Order still needs to be issued and Ms. Raposo should relay it to the tenant who is doing the wood cutting. Mr. Materne suggests issuing the Enforcement Order and then revisiting the property at the next site visit before the next meeting. Ms. Raposo agreed with the commission's suggestion.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to issue the Enforcement Order regarding wood chips in a resource area.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

\*Due to the upcoming Presidential Primary on March 1, 2016, the Conservation Commission decided to hold the next meeting on March 15, 2016. The site visit will be on March 13, 2016

Mr. Pennover motioned to hold the next Conservation Commission meeting on March 15, 2016.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 2. 153 Davis Street erosion control Mr. Materne did not hear from Ms. Bradley if the erosion control was installed or not. He stated he will try to get to the site to see if the erosion control has been installed properly or not.
- 3. 80 Mason Street Rehoboth Land Trust property possible damage Mr. Materne stated Rehoboth Police caught someone riding through Rehoboth Land Trust property on Mason Street and causing damage. Mr. Materne suggested sending a letter stating it is illegal to ride on Rehoboth Land Trust property and if he is caught again he will be prosecuted.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to send a letter stating that Rehoboth Land Trust property is overseen by the Conservation Commission and no vehicles are allowed on the property. (There was no second)

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS**

1. 297 Winthrop St. – SunConnect – ANRAD – SE60-1036 – This matter has been continued to the meeting of March 15, 2016. The applicant will be notified that the March 1, 2016 meeting has been rescheduled to March 15, 2016 due to the Presidential Primary Election.

Mr. Evans motioned to grant an extension and to notify SunConnect the next meeting will be held on March 15, 2016.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- 2. 135 Hillside Avenue Warren NOI SE60-1037 Mr. Dean Monsees from OSM Systems was present on behalf of the applicant. He outlined revisions to the plan as requested at the previous meeting. He noted the revised plans tightened up the limit of disturbance allowing 2' for a landscaping strip. The new calculation is 6%. The straw wattles were dropped on the south side of the driveway. Utilities will be under the driveway, which will be 16' x 12'. The straw wattles are detailed as well as the Conservation signs. A 4'x 4' slurry pit is also shown. The area of disturbance went from 5,200s.f. to 4,872s.f. The commission was satisfied with the revisions.
- Mr. Evans motioned to close the Public Hearing.
- Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Mr. Pennoyer motioned to issue the Order of Conditions for 135 Hillside Avenue, SE60-1037.
- Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1. Reschedule March 1, 2016 meeting Presidential Primary This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting. It was determined that the next scheduled meeting will take place on March 15, 2016.
- 2. 165 Anawan Street Bristol County Mosquito Control Project Never discussed
- 3. Request for Extension 468 Tremont St. Jorde SE60-709 Mr. Habershaw went to the site and noted the applicant is building a house and septic. He does not see a problem.
- Mr. Habershaw motioned to grant a 3 year extension for 468 Tremont St. SE60-709.
- Mr. Pennoyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- <u>4. Request for COC -464 Tremont St. Jorde SE60-710</u> Mr. Habershaw made a visit to the site and noted it is vegetated. He found no problems.
- Mr. Habershaw motioned to grant a Certificate of Compliance for 464 Tremont St. SE60-710
- Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

<u>5. Request for COC -567 Winthrop Street – Sousa – SE60-960</u> – Mr. Pennoyer made a visit to the site. Found no problems.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 567 Tremont St. SE60-960.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

\*\*Mr. Materne noted the commission received a Talent Bank Form for another Associate Member, however the applicant did not have the experience they are looking for. The Talent Bank form will be kept on file for possible future placement. A letter will be sent thanking the applicant for his interest.

\*\*Mr. Materne took a roll call vote for the purpose of going into Executive Session regarding ongoing negotiations for the purchase of land. All aye.

The Conservation Commission will return for the purpose of adjournment.

## **MINUTES**

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## **INVOICES**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,

bert Materne, Chairman