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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2017

Present: Robert Materne, Thomas Nicholson, Stephen Choquette, Scott Pennoyer, Krisna Prachanronarong

Matt Kershaw-Associate Member

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: David Evans

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CALL TO ORDER

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

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Manitook Estates – Administrative Consent Order - No new information.
2. One Linden Lane – Martel – No new information
3. Map 63, Lot 12 – Fairview Avenue – Reuter – forest cutting – EO issued – Ms. Bradley has no new information. She has sent the property owner a letter requesting they come to the next meeting with an update.
4. 12 Martin Street – tree clearing within buffer/BVW - Chain to be installed to prevent access. Mr. Evans drives by the property several times a day. If he sees any activity he will know what to do. This item will be removed from the agenda.
5. Oakhill Beagle Club – forest restoration and wildlife management plan – shall be received no later than March 2017 – wetland delineation report received 1/9/17.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 158 Anawan Street – Thomas Pelchat – NOI – SE60-1067 – Neither the applicant or his representative were present by the end of the meeting. Mr. Nicholson called Mr. Faneuf at the meeting. He informed him he was on the agenda for tonight. Mr. Faneuf requested a continuance for the NOI to the meeting of March 21, 2017.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to grant the continuance to March 21, 2017

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. 579 & 583 Winthrop St. – Baasch – ANRAD – SE60-1069 – Ms. Lisa Caledonia from LSC Environmental consulting was present on behalf of the applicants. She is before the commission requesting ANRAD approval. At the commission's request, she has added 2 flags along Route 44 to show in what direction the wetland is, by adding wetland flags #35 and #36. She also had the engineer add the location of the USGS Perennial Stream on the plan. This is off-set due to the margin of error. Mr. Materne noted the commission made a site visit on March 5, 2017 and noted there were some concerns. They went about 20' from wetland flag #11, put the auger down and found 12" of gleyed soil. They did the same thing at wetland flag #9 and found the same gleyed soil. Mr. Kershaw and Mr. Evans were also on site and observed a stream that they traced back to a culvert which was flowing. A bank was present along the entire stream. Watercress was also observed. Mr. Nicholson added it was clear that the wetlands extended into field. Ms. Caledonia noted the fields are used historically for agricultural purposes. She flagged the area based on DEP guidance for vegetation and soils in the wetland. Mr. Materne stated this will probably have to go to a consultant. Mr. Nicholson questioned if the tree line was accurately shown on the plan. Ms. Caledonia felt it was pretty close. She will request a continuance and submit revised plans and discuss the matter with the applicants.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to grant a continuance to the next meeting on March 21, 2017.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. 248 Winthrop St. – Soares – RDA – septic system only – Mr. Manny Mello was present on behalf of the applicant. He is proposing a septic system only. He noted the area has been flagged several times with different colored flags. He reflagged using red flags. He is proposing a rehab of existing retail space which was the old Anawan Garage. He is replacing a cesspool with a septic system. It will be more than 50' from the wetland and 100' away from the well. The lot will not be paved. Ms. Bradley noted it has not been approved by the Board of Health yet. Mr. Mellow stated 2 handicapped bathrooms will be added. Mr. Bradley stated the flagging is fine.

Mr. Pennoyer motioned to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Open Space Plan – update – Ms. Bradley has not heard back from SRPEDD. She hopes to have information for the next meeting.

2. Lindley Road – field maintenance update – Mr. Materne stated he and some members of the commission made a site visit. He noted that the 2 fields are very nice. As they walked the site there were times they were walking approximately 10' from people's back doors. Mr. Materne stated the plans indicated hedges were supposed to be planted between the road and houses. This was never done. Brandon will start the field clearing next week and Mr. Materne asked that some shrubs be left for nesting birds. He also added that paintball does not appear to be a big deal.

3. 2016 Annual Report

Mr. Pennoyer felt the report was done well and very informative. Mr. Materne agreed.
Mr. Nicholson motioned to approve the 2016 Annual Report.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MINUTES

1. May 17, 2016 2. June 7, 2016 3. June 21, 2016 4. July 19, 2016
Mr. Pennoyer motioned to approve the above minutes.
Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bradley noted the Mr. Gene Dumontier called her and will be resubmitting his 40B Spring Hill sub-division on Spring Street. He is wondering if the commission is willing to use the person who wrote the low impact development regulations as a consultant for the low impact drainage review on this sub-division. Mr. Pennoyer has spoken to Mr. Dumontier regarding this and he agrees with using this consultant. He feels the consultant is very knowledgeable. He highly recommends the commission use this consultant. It is believed the consultant did not help design this sub-division. Mr. Pennoyer will check on this and let the commission know.

Mr. Materne brought up Horton Estates and asked what happens to retention basins down the road? Mr. Pennoyer stated in most cases the DPW cleans them out. Ms. Bradley stated the Highway Department will not maintain Horton Estates. Mr. Pennoyer stated it is up to Horton Estates to maintain the basins as they are a 40B complex. He also added that someone needs to go to a training regarding maintenance of retention basins. Ms. Bradley noted that Kingsley Estates has a drainage maintenance escrow fund. Mr. Materne feels it is something to consider for the future.

INVOICES

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Habershaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm
Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,


Robert Materne, Chairman