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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2023

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Matt Kershaw, Associate Member William Morgan, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

Absent: Dave Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Matt Habershaw, Stacy Vilao, Office Administrator.

Call to Order

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

Appeal Process

Mr. Materne explained the appeal process.

Public Hearing and Meetings

1. Morrissey – 72 Martin St. – NOI – SE60-1304

This was continued from a previous public hearing

2. Hall – 200 Pine St – ANRAD – SE60-1309

Mr. Materne recused himself.

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.

Since Mr. Materne had to recuse himself there would be no quorum to vote on the application.

Mr. Mariano requested a continuance until May 16, 2023

Mr. Prachanronarong made a motion to grant a continuance until May 16, 2023.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. Ferreira – 243 Homestead Ave. – NOI – SE60-1311

This was continued from a previous public hearing

4. Riess – Broad St. – ANRAD – SE60-1314

This was continued from a previous public hearing

5. Curry – 10 Old Bliss St. – RDA

Mr. Rob Davis of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Davis presented plans.

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Mr. Materne stated that the wetland line is accurate.
Mr. Prachanronarong made a motion to issue a Positive 2A Determination.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.
Mr. Kershaw made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

6. Garrett Homes, LLC – 469 Winthrop St. – RDA

Mr. Tim Houle of BL Companies was present.
Mr. Houle presented plans.
The commission discussed concerns that there was no MAHW line depicted on the plans.
Mr. Scott Morrison of Eco Tech was present.
Mr. Morrison explained his delineation of the wetlands and distances from the wetlands to where the project will be located.
The commission discussed the riparian zones.
Mr. Houle requested a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Choquette made a motion to grant a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

7. Perrino – 23 Ash St. – NOI – SE60-1315

This was tabled until later in the meeting.

8. Sustainable Farm Realty Trust – Portion of 45 Summer St. – NOI – SE60-XXXX

Mr. Jeff Tallman of Northeast Engineers & Consultants was present.
Mr. Tallman presented plans.
The commission discussed the need for an ANRAD to be filed.
Mr. Tallman requested a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Choquette made a motion to grant a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

9. Devaney – 117 County St. – NOI – SE60-XXXX

The public hearing was opened.
The applicant requested a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Choquette made a motion to grant a continuance until May 16, 2023.
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

General Business

1. Estano – 83 Winthrop St. – SE60-1193 – Request for COC

Mr. Roach stated that all work had been done according to the plan and recommended issuing a COC.
Mr. Choquette made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. Lisa Sirois – Proposed Wetland Bylaw – Discussion

Ms. Lisa Sirois of 74 Perryville Rd. was present.
Mr. Brain Hatch of the Attleboro Conservation Commission was present.
Ms. Sirois presented the proposed wetland bylaw.
Mr. Hatch explained how the Attleboro Conservation Commission bylaw works.
The commission discussed their concerns of the proposed bylaw.
Mr. John Ferreira of 94 Cameron Way was present.
Mr. Ferreira explained his experience with “no-touch zones” and a general by-law. Having a bylaw, the Conservation Commission can defend if needed

The commission discussed regulations verses a bylaw.

Mr. Bob Catenacci of 29 Maple Ln. was present.

Mr. Catenacci expressed his concerns regarding an owner's ability to build on their own property with a "no-touch zone". He felt that there needs to be more time spend on discussing this before it goes to town meeting. This feels rushed to him.

This was discussed further.

Ms. Joan Caouette of 110 Perryville Rd. was present.

Ms. Caouette expressed her support for a "no-touch zone".

Mr. Scott Martin of School St. was present.

Mr. Martin expressed his concerns in regards to how fast this came about and its lack of specifics.

The commission discussed possible next steps.

Public Hearing and Meetings

10. Perrino – 23 Ash St. – NOI – SE60-1315

Mr. David Bray of Caputo & Wick was present.

Mr. Bray presented plans.

Mr. Choquette stated that there are no real impacts.

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

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Prachanronarong made a motion to issue Order of Conditions.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. 44 Wheaton Ave. – Gift of Land from Lenny Mills – Discussion/Vote

Mr. Materne spoke in regards to the property being gifted to the commission.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to start the process in order for the land to be gifted to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Concerns & Complaints

1. 181 Perryville Rd. – Concern – Revisited in Spring

Mr. Michael Carr of 181 Perryville Rd. was present.

Mr. Carr stated that everything has been planted.

Mr. Choquette & Mr. Roach will visit the property to inspect the area.

Violations

1. 172 Summer St. – Ratify Enforcement Order

Mr. Harrison Eck of Norton was present.

Mr. Eck asked about the property.

Mr. Materne stated that the commission couldn't speak in regards to the property.

General Business

3. Ticket Books, Letters for Violations

Mr. Roach gave an update.

4. Conservation Properties – Signage & Boarder Mapping – Discussion

Mr. Materne provided an update. Danforth Street property has been completed, as well as two other properties. The commission discussed buying signs and trail markers.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to order signs.

Mr. Kershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to pay Oakhill Engineering for their services.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

5. Conservation Commissioner Updates

There were no updates.

6. Agent Updates

There were no updates.

Concerns & Complaints

1. 229 Brook Street – Concern

Mr. Choquette gave an update.

Violations

1. Rego – 23 Winthrop St – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

2. Alves – 29 County St – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

3. Morrissey – 72 Martin St. – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

4. 172 Summer Street – Violation

Mr. Prachanronarong made a motion to ratify the Enforcement Order.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

5. 582 Winthrop Street – Working past the scope of RDA – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

6. Foley – 55 Old Fall River Rd. – Enforcement Order

Mr. Choquette stated to send a notice of potential fines.

7. Pray – Almeida Road. – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

8. 12 Katie Dr. – Enforcement Order

There were no updates.

9. 370 Winthrop St. – Enforcement Order

The commission discussed sending another letter to the owner.

10. 203 Moulton St. – Enforcement Order

The commission agreed that a potential fine letter should be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

For the Conservation Commission


Robert Materne, Chairman

David Evans, Vice-Chairman