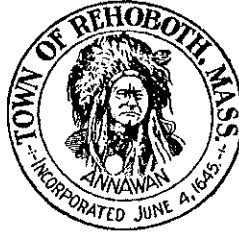


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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2016

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Matt Kershaw-Associate Member

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: Matt Habershaw, 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

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Manitook Estates – Administrative Consent Order - No new information.
2. One Linden Lane – Martel – Mr. Choquette has not determined if the two owners are talking amongst themselves. The commission will not stop the applicant from doing work. Mr. Choquette will follow up.
3. Map 63, Lot 12 Fairview Avenue – Reuter – clearing within BVW and/or buffer zone. No new information and there has been no activity.
4. 12 Martin Street – tree clearing within buffer/BVW – revisit during second meeting of December 2016. Mr. Materne stated the commission went to the property and met with Mr. Sullivan. He has put up a fence and cleaned up the property fairly well. There has been no cutting since the last time they were there. Mr. Evans feels they should leave the resource area alone and let it come back. Mr. Materne asked the commission if a rock barrier or a gate should be in place to keep trespassers out of the property. Mr. Nicholson stated the fence that is there can come down easily. The commission recommended that a 2' chain between two trees be installed. This would deter cars from entering. Mr. Materne suggested a letter be sent to Mr. Sullivan stating that the property has been cleaned up fairly well but the concern is still with the entry way and the need for a secure barrier in the form of a heavy duty chain with a lock, or a farm gate. Once this has been done the commission will take another look at the entrance and decide whether or not to lift the Enforcement Order.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. Behind 237 Pine Street – R. DuVally – ANRAD – SE60-1063 – This matter will be continued at the meeting on January 3, 2017.

2. 161 Winthrop St. – Waterman – NOI – SE60-1064 – Continued from 12/6/16. Ms. Rachel Smith was present on behalf of the applicant. She revised the plans to incorporate an equalizer pipe and a soil test where the blocks would be placed. The plans show a test pit log on the right side. There is sand and gravel with approximately 12-14" of loam on top and hard pack sand and gravel. She added there should be no problem supporting the blocks. Mr. Materne noticed on the plan that the wetland line is going through the replication area. Ms. Smith will correct the plan by shifting the line over to wetland flag A14. Mr. Nicholson motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Order of Conditions. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. 308 Summer St. – McPhillips – ANRAD – SE60-1065 – Ms. Rachel Smith was present on behalf of the applicant. She began by stating that this project came before the board in 2013 but was never built. She is before the board tonight presenting this as a new project since the ANRAD has expired. Mr. Materne stated the commission checked the wetland line and had a few minor concerns with some of the flags and their placement. Ms. Smith agreed to make the necessary changes and correct the plans at the request of the commission. There was no further discussion. Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Evans motioned to issue the ORAD with the corrections requested and new plans submitted. Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. 49 Salisbury St. – Bradford A. Hall Real Estate Trust – NOI – SE60-1066 – Mr. Materne recused himself from the public hearing. Mr. Jim Miller from Miller Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant. He is proposing a single family house. The plans show the grading. The house will be approximately 40' from the street. The septic system will be large due to a 40 minute perc rate. A section of the leach field will be in the buffer zone. It meets the 60' setback requirement. Erosion control is shown outside the grading area. The plan also shows wetland signs every 50'. Mr. Evans stated the commission agreed with the delineation. He noted the stone wall will provide extra protection of the resource area. An audience member and abutter had concerns with possible flooding of her property with a house being proposed across the street. The Conservation Commission explained that this should not be a problem since the slope is away from the street. Mr. Nicholson motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Nicholson motioned to issue the Order of Conditions. Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Materne returned to the meeting.

5. 11 Short St. – Citizens Bank c/o City Living Real Estate – RDA – Mr. Jim Miller from Miller Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant. He is proposing a septic system repair. He noted it was challenge due to the small lot size. There is an existing cesspool in the back and wetlands on the east side which is the rear, and bends around to Short Street on the south side. The leaching area is shown on the plan and is placed in the only place it could go due to Conservation Commission set back requirements. The existing well is in the basement of the house which does not meet setback requirements. They will relocate the well to the front yard.

Variances will be needed from the Board of Health for the well setbacks and for the 60' wetland setback. They have standard straw wattle erosion control in place. Mr. Miller will be before the Board of Health tomorrow night. He has spoken to the Health Agent, Mr. Robert Ashton who has reviewed the plan. Mr. Materne asked how far away the hay bales are from the actual work of the septic system? Mr. Miller stated it is approximately 3' away. He could move it closer to the wetland but it's right on the 50' setback. Mr. Miller stated that the water table is low and the work excavation will not be mounded but below the ground, not above it. Mr. Materne suggested hay bales and wattles for extra protection. Mr. Miller agreed. There was no further discussion. Mr. Evans motioned to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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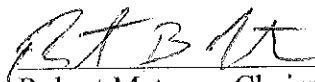
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.
Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,


Robert Materne, Chairman