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Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2020

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Matt Habershaw, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

Absent: Matt Kershaw, Associate Member Sara Huber, Associate Member Scott Pennoyer.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Public Hearings

1. 315 & 327 Transmission Line – National Grid – NOI - SE60-1180

Ms. Alison Milliman from BSC Group was present.

Ms. Milliman presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated on the replication area there are no flags on the plan. The flags are only in the field.

Ms. Milliman stated that due to the scale of the plans the flags were not placed on the plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the commission is unable to verify the line. Requested plans with flagging for the replication area.

Mr. Nicholson stated that he agreed. We need to know how it is laid out.

Ms. Milliman stated that they had provided a plan.

Mr. Materne stated that we need a set of plans with flag numbers on it and the replication area.

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

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to issue Order of Conditions requiring a detailed drawing with the location of the replication area and the flags.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Mr. Materne explained the Authorization to Proceed process.

Ms. Milliman explained that the project will be conducted in phases. Requested to be able to use a phase plan to install erosion control.

The commission agreed to allow it.

Mr. Materne stated that the only concern was the replication area.

Mr. Habershaw asked what the time was on the replication area being installed?

Ms. Milliman replied in the spring or fall. It can be expedited for the spring.

Mr. Materne asked when the replication area would be started, this year or next year?

Ms. Milliman replied this year.

Mr. Choquette asked if they were willing to commit to it being planted by the fall of this year?

Ms. Milliman stated yes.

Mr. Materne stated that the agent should be notified 2 weeks prior.

2. 25 Willard Ave. – Lyne – NOI – SE60-1184

Mr. Materne explained the project. The line is accurate. This project is straight forward.

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

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

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

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

3.83 Winthrop Street – Estano – NOI – SE60-XXXX

Mr. Raymond Francisco of RLF Engineering was present.

Mr. Francisco presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated that a variance from the Board of Health was needed.

Mr. Choquette and Mr. Habershaw stated they did not agree with the wetland line.

Mr. Choquette stated there is a temporary shed in the wetlands. The line is 25-30' off.

Mr. Choquette stated that flags F5 and F6 need to be moved 25-30 feet upland and flags F7 And F8 need to be moved 15-20 feet upland.

Mr. Prachanronarong stated that they need to go back out and reflag the property.

Mr. Francisco stated that if the line is 25-30 feet off a retaining wall will be needed.

Mr. Choquette stated this is a very tight site.

Mr. Habershaw stated there is an issue with the well.

Mr. Choquette asked about a poly barrier on the septic system.

The commission discussed if a poly barrier is adequate. The commission agreed it should be installed.

Mr. Francisco stated he would adjust the plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the wetland line should be moved 20 feet upland.

Mr. Francisco stated that he would move the wetland line and revise the plans.

Mr. Choquette asked how the commission felt about the shed being in the wetlands?

Mr. Nicholson stated that he felt the commission should go out and look at it.

Mr. Habershaw stated that he agreed, go out on the next site walk.

Mr. Francisco stated that he has talked to the owner and he is ok with having to move the shed.

Mr. Habershaw stated that we can approve the project with conditions and treat the shed as a separate issue.

The commission agreed.

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

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to issue Order of Conditions with the following additional conditions, change the wetland line 20 feet upland, erosion control will be the limit of work and added to the wetland line, and a 40-mil poly barrier is required for the septic system.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

4. Plain St. (Lot 1) – Raposo – NOI – SE60-1187

Mr. Daniel Gioiosa of Sitec Engineering was present.

Mr. Gioiosa presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated that there is a limit of work for both the B & D line but not for the C line.

Mr. Gioiosa stated that that line is already cleared, it's just a field of grass and it's on the other side of the wall.

Discussion ensued about the C line.

Mr. Choquette stated that wetland signs should be placed at flags B20, B23, and B26.
Mr. Materne stated that there are no wetland flags hung in the field. The WPA requires them.
Mr. Gioiosa stated that he will get the flags hung.
Mr. Materne asked when the applicant wanted to start work?
Mr. Gioiosa replied as soon as this project is approved.
Mr. Evans stated that no utilities are shown on the plan.
Mr. Gioiosa stated that the applicant is planning on underground utilities. He has to contact the utility company.
Mr. Habershaw made a motion to close the public hearing.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.
Mr. Habershaw made a motion to issue Order of Conditions with the conditions of wetland signs being placed at flag B20, B23 and B26 and that no Authorization to Proceed will be issued until the wetland flags are hung in the field.

5. Plain St. (lot 2) – Raposo – NOI – SE60-1186

Mr. Daniel Gioiosa of Sitec Engineering was present.
Mr. Gioiosa presented plans.
Mr. Materne asked why the replication area has a 1:1 ratio and not a 1:1.5? If there is not a 75% success rate the owner cannot receive a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Gioiosa stated that the 1:1 ratio is standard.
Mr. Materne stated that in Rehoboth the standard is usually 1:1.5 to 1:2.
Mr. Materne asked why are there 2 small replication areas instead of one large one?
Mr. Gioiosa stated had 2 replication areas to minimize alteration.
There was discussion as to where a large replication area could be placed.
Mr. Materne asked why the driveway was 16' wide?
Mr. Gioiosa stated that it is a regulation that if the driveway is 200' or longer it has to be that wide.
Mr. Materne stated that he understood. He asked the commission where they felt wetland signs should be placed along the driveway?
Mr. Choquette stated D15 & D18.
Mr. Materne states also D16, D13, A19, A17, A15, A13, A11, A9, A7, A6 and A4. These will need to be put on the plans.
Mr. Choquette explained why the signs are needed and how they are to be installed.
Mr. Materne asked the commission if they felt that the equalizer pipe on the plan would be enough?
Mr. Nicholson stated that it would be enough.
Mr. Materne and Mr. Gioiosa discussed the width of the driveway.
Mr. Gioiosa request a continuance until May 19, 2020.
Mr. Choquette made a motion to grant a continuance until May 19, 2020.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replies aye. Motion passes.

6. Plain St. (lot 3) – Raposo – NOI – SE60-1188

Mr. Daniel Gioiosa of Sitec Engineering was present.
Mr. Gioiosa presented plans.
Mr. Evans asked about the existing driveway and the proposed driveway. Asked why it is less than 20 feet wide, doesn't it have to be expanded?
Mr. Gioiosa stated no it did not have to be expanded.
Mr. Materne asked is it because it's an existing driveway?
Mr. Gioiosa stated yes.
Mr. Materne asked does the Fire Department need it to be 20 feet wide?
Mr. Gioiosa stated no.

Mr. Materne asked if the Planning Board knows about this?
Mr. Roach explained that they approved the Form A in February. And explained the Form A process.
Mr. Materne asked why you need a 16-foot-wide driveway with 2-foot shoulders? If you had a wide shoulder it would protect the wetlands better.
Mr. Gioiosa stated that the existing driveway had a 25-foot access, so it doesn't need to be changed.
Mr. Keith Marchand an abutter to the property was present.
Mr. Marchand asked stated that the proposed driveway is in in wetlands in Swansea.
Mr. Materne stated that we have no jurisdiction in Swansea.
Mr. Evans stated that those wetlands are not on this site, so it's ok.
Mr. Marchand stated that the water that comes down the driveway floods out his garage.
Mr. Materne stated the commission would have to take a look at it.
Mr. Marchand asked if he could be informed of the site walk.
Mr. Materne stated yes and explained the site walk dates and times.
Mr. Choquette stated that where the well is proposed between flag 5 and 6 there is no protection to the wetlands. A double haybale line is needed.
Mr. Materne stated that a slurry pit is needed.
Mr. Gioiosa stated he would add it to the plans.
Mr. Materne stated that a slurry pit is needed on lot 2 as well.
Mr. Evans asked Mr. Habershaw and Mr. Choquette about the west of the driveway, the contour, is the erosion control there ok?
Mr. Habershaw stated that maybe haybales instead of wattles.
Mr. Choquette agreed.
Mr. Habershaw stated from B4-B8 use haybales.
Mr. Gioiosa stated that would not be a problem.
Mr. Materne stated that wetland flags will be needed at flag B4, B7, B10, B12 and A31.
Mr. Gioiosa requested a continuance until May 19, 2020.
Mr. Evans made a motion to grant continuance until May 19, 2020.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

General Business

1. 47 Spring St. – Dumontier – Request for 3 Year Extension – SE60-847

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant a 3-year extension.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

2. Vote to Authorize Agent to Sign for Commission

Mr. Roach explained what to vote would be for.
Mr. Evans stated that it made sense.
Mr. Habershaw asked what would happen if someone vote no or abstained?
Mr. Roach explained that it would be part of the minutes.
Mr. Materne asked if this is perpetuity?
Mr. Roach stated that it is only through the Covid-19 situation.
Mr. Habershaw stated that once we go back to regular meetings, we can remove this.
Mr. Habershaw made a motion to allow for Mr. Daniel Roach sign for the Conservation Commission during remote meetings.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replies aye. Motion passes.

3. Agent Update

Mr. Roach stated that he had issued an Authorization to Proceed for 57 Pine Street, only for work on the replication area.

Meeting Minutes

1. February 4, 2020
2. March 10, 2020
3. March 31, 2020

Mr. Nicholson stated that on March 10, 2020 minutes on the second page his name is spelled wrong.
Mr. Materne stated on February 4th minutes on the 2nd page it should say an ANRAD, not and ANRAD.
Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the above-named minutes with edits.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

For the Conservation Commission



Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman