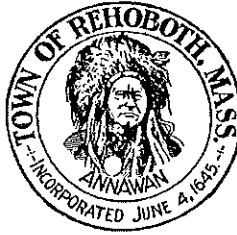


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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017

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

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: Scott Pennoyer

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

1. Lot 10 Plain St. – Vieira – EO lifted – Restoration area - Mr. Pennoyer will reach out to Mr. Vieira for an update.

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Manitook Estates – Administrative Consent Order – No new information.

2. One Linden Lane – Martel – No new information

3. Oakhill Beagle Club – The commission is waiting for more information.

4. 367 Anawan Street – Lilli Mae – possible cutting within BVW – Ms. Bradley informed Mr. Materne that Mr. Viera was contacted and was expected to be at the meeting. Mr. Viera did not attend the meeting. The Enforcement Order will be ratified

5. 164 Reynolds Ave. denied COC – EO Issued-waiting for NHESP input

6. 168 Reynolds Ave. denied COC – EO Issued-waiting for NHESP input

Ms. Bradley stated for both of these COC's she received a copy of an email from National Heritage. A copy of the email was in the commission's packets. It appears that Mr. DuVally and NHESP need to coordinate some things. Nothing can be determined tonight regarding the denied COC's for these two projects. Mr. Evans noted that going forward anymore filings like this that have critical habitat, such as box turtles should require a discussion with the applicants about clearing into the habitat area. Mr. Materne feels a form letter should be sent to applicants reminding them this is critical habitat and the silt fence is the permanent limit of work.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 308 Summer Street – Everett McPhillips – NOI – SE60 – Ms. Rachel Smith from Otis Dyer's office was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Nicholson recused himself from the public hearing as he is an abutter. Ms. Smith is proposing a single family house with the associated septic system and well. There is an existing gravel driveway partially toward the house. A wetland alteration of 462' will be necessary to complete the driveway. She is proposing a replication area of 900s.f. which is 194% of the alteration. She is also proposing an equalizer pipe. Mr. Materne stated the commission verified the wetland line. The commission had no concerns. Ms. Bradley stated a DEP number has not yet been assigned. Ms. Smith stated she sent the NOI to DEP by certified mail. She will contact DEP to make sure they received the application. Ms. Smith asked for a continuance of the public hearing. Mr. Evans motioned to grant a continuance of the public hearing. Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Nicholson returned to the meeting.

2. Reposa Estates – off 237 Pine St. – Ryan DuVally – NOI – SE60-71 - Continuance

Mr. Evans motioned to open the NOI for 237 Pine St. The applicant has asked for a continuance and he motioned to grant the request. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Purchase of new Printer – Ms. Bradley stated Derek Russo is looking into that for the commission.

2. Reappointment recommendations – Scott Pennoyer/Tom Nicholson –

Mr. Evans motioned to have the Board of Selectmen reappoint Mr. Tom Nicholson to another 3 year term on the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Habershaw motioned to have the Board of Selectmen reappoint Mr. Scott Pennoyer to another 3 year term on the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. 164 Reynolds Ave. – Ratify Enforcement Order –

4. 168 Reynolds Ave. – Ratify Enforcement Order –

Mr. Evans motioned to ratify the Enforcement Orders for 164 and 168 Reynolds Avenue.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. 367 Anawan St. – Lilli Mae, LLC – Ratify Enforcement Order.

Mr. Evans motioned to ratify the Enforcement Order for 367 Anawan St.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant – Sign Letter of Support – Ms. Bradley explained she just found out about this grant. It is at no cost to the town. It starts out by sending in a letter of support from the Town Administrator and various other departments, along with an application. To start the process they conduct an assessment of the town to see areas that are sensitive to the climate change. They might focus on areas such as the rising tides in salt marshes and upstream of the Palmer River. They will look at the Master Plan and Hazard Mitigation. She added when they funds from the grant they will be partnered with Fuss & O'Neill to work on this project. It is paid to who they are partnered with through the grant. Ms. Bradley added the deadline to get the initial paperwork submitted has been extended to May 24, 2017. Mr. Nicholson is familiar with this grant and stated it doesn't make sense not to do it, but warned to be aware who they partner with.

Mr. Evans motioned to sign the letter.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Miller Bird Sanctuary – Unauthorized Use – Dog Training – Mr. Materne stated he received an email from Mr. Chuck Procopio of the Parks Commission regarding a dog training operation on this property. Mr. Materne stated the sanctuary is a 40 acre parcel on Lake Street and it belongs to the Conservation Commission. The Boy Scouts have put in a lot of nice trails. Mr. Materne needs more information since this is not acceptable activity on a bird sanctuary. The dogs will scare away the birds. A commercial enterprise is not allowed on a bird sanctuary. Mr. Materne asked the commission if more specific signage needs to be in place. Ms. Bradley will get a sample template of a sign for the commission to approve. . Ms. Bradley stated she had received a phone call from a resident complaining. The caller stated the dog training activity takes place on Saturday mornings and the cars have Rhode Island license plates. Mr. Materne decided the signage definitely has to go up. Mr. Choquette suggested having the Police Department check into this matter. Mr. Materne feels they are not breaking the law just the policy of the bird sanctuary. Mr. Choquette feels the signs should go up immediately and have the police take notice. Ms. Bradley will try to find out what time on Saturdays the activity takes place.

NOT ON AGENDA

*Mr. Habershaw asked about the Rodriques property on Francis Street and Vieira on Plain Street. He reminded the commission they were supposed to revisit these properties in June. He asked the commission for their input on these two properties. Mr. Materne feels the commission should take a look at them. Mr. Evans feels Mr. Pennoyer should reach out to Mr. Vieira first. As for Rodriques, Mr. Habershaw feels the applicant has done the job adequately and it should be removed from the agenda. The commission agreed.

*Mr. Materne stated he really wants to revisit the idea of a program that keeps track of when things, such as inspections, are due or have been done. He feels a form letter should be sent out two or three years after the Order of Conditions reminding applicants that a Certificate of Compliance is essential if they decide to sell their homes. He does not want work to begin without Authorizations to Proceed, as has happened in the past. Mr. Prachanronarong and Mr. Kershaw will look into such programs that can work with our current database which is an Access program.

MINUTES

INVOICES

ADJOURNMENT

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

For the Conservation Commission


Robert Materne, Chairman


David Evans, Vice-Chairman