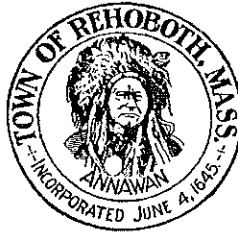


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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2017

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Present: Robert Materne David Evans, Matt Habershaw, Stephen Choquette, Matt Kershaw

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: Thomas Nicholson, Scott Pennoyer, Krisna Prachanronarong

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. Lot 10 Plain St. – Vieira – EO lifted – Restoration area – Ms. Bradley stated she had proof that he has bought the seed. Mr. Vieira will be notified by Ms. Bradley to begin the planting now.

2. Manitook Estates – Administrative Consent Order – Enforcement Order Issued

3. One Linden Lane – Martel – He will be sent a letter to attend the 11/7/17 meeting.

4. Oakhill Beagle Club – Mr. Adam Latham was present. He stated the Land Trust met with OakHill Beagle club and added they were disappointed with their response. The Land Trust recommended to accept the report with the caveat being the only place the report would apply to is anything shown on the 2012 aerial as forest versus open space. That is the baseline they would use and the report could overlap on. If there was an area in 2012 that was open and part of that report would apply to that area, they could address whatever those recommendations are for that area. Anything that has to do with invasive species the Land Trust was fine with. The ongoing vegetation management practices are not allowed other than what was open in 2012, at the time of the signing of the Conservation Restriction. Mr. Materne brought up the fact that plans depicting the areas that have been cleared were never delivered to the commission. Mr. Latham stated they feel the vegetation management and wildlife management reports do not apply to most areas because they are going back to 2012 as a baseline, and that is what they are going to manage. All areas that were forested in 2012 are going to return to forest. Mr. Materne asked the commission for their input. Mr. Evans is worried about the management of invasive species. Mr. Latham stated they had some definitive language in the letter that addressed invasive species. OakHill Beagle needs to contact the Land Trust before they begin. There will be an observation schedule of at least once per year or if there are issues it will be more often. Mr. Materne stated the Land Trust and the Conservation Commission agree with the biologists report, and this is the report to go forward with in areas that the

Land Trust and the Conservation Commission allow them to go forward on. Mr. Latham agreed. Mr. Materne wants to make it clear any management is under the supervision of the Land Trust and Conservation Commission and in accordance with the original signed Conservation Restriction...which OakHill Beagle has ignored. Mr. Latham suggesting informing OakHill Beagle Club the plan that was submitted previously is not acceptable. Mr. Materne added they will not be allowed to do anything until they meet the requirements of the letter dated August 26, 2017 which includes 24"x 36" plans. Mr. Latham agreed. Mr. Evans wants the requirements as clear as possible. There was no further discussion.

5. 367 Anawan Street – Lilli Mae – possible cutting within BVW – Owner, Mr. Brian Viera was present. Mr. Materne stated there are a number of issues on his property. There is wood debris that may be in the wetlands or on the edge of the wetlands. This needs to be addressed. The area needs to be reflagged to show the actual delineation. Mr. Materne informed Mr. Viera he is not allowed to do any work within 100' of the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands without a filing of some kind so they know the wetlands are protected. Mr. Materne added that the Enforcement Order is still on Mr. Viera's property since almost all of his property is within the 100' buffer which means he cannot do anything within 100' of the wetland line right now. The clean-up will happen because the commission will give him instructions on how to do it. Mr. Viera asked to be in charge of this since it is his property and that he had a botanist he could work with. Mr. Materne stated the main delineation is the stone wall. Ms. Bradley stated that the plan Mr. Viera already has, shows the wetland line and a surveyor should reflag the area. A botanist is not necessary. Once the area is re-flagged the commission can go out and give instruction on how to clean out the area correctly. Mr. Viera will advise Ms. Bradley when he is ready for the commission.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. The Reserve at Spring Hill – 40B – Dumontier – NOI- SE60-1081 – Mr. Phil Fusco was present on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Dumontier. He made some revisions to the plans based on comments from the commission at the last meeting. He had revised plans for the commission. He added hay bales along waterlines. The envelope will be fully lined with erosion control. It was noted that on Sheet 14 there needs to be more riprap pad out of the BVW. Mr. Rob Roseen from Watershed Engineering came before the commission. He conducted the peer review for the Reserve at Spring Hill. They received the report dated today, October 24, 2010. He reviewed the various items available to him at the time for compliance with Massachusetts Storm water standards as well as a general engineering design review for the low impact development aspect of it, as well as storm water management. He feels a complete review of the project cannot be completed. He needs more information to make a determination regarding compliance or non-compliance. Mr. Materne had concerns regarding recharging the wetlands. Mr. Roseen is unable to evaluate that at this time but he thinks widespread infiltration with all of the homes should be limited. He questioned the amount of porous pavement for this project. Mr. Fusco stated he will eliminate the connection from the roof to the porous pavement. Mr. Evans requested assurance that erosion control would be in place during the different phases of the project to protect recharge areas. Mr. Roseen wants to see what the construction phases look like before he makes a judgement. He feels that a project of this size should be carefully thought out to protect the recharge areas. Ms. Bradley asked to be CC'd on all communications.

Mr. Evans motioned to accept the applicants request for a continuance of the public hearing.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. 41 Colonial Way – Duarte – ANRAD – SE60-1074 -- Ms. Bradley stated she has attempted to contact the applicant with regard to requesting a continuance several times but has been unsuccessful.

Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Evans motioned to deny the ORAD for insufficient information and for not requesting a continuance.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Update from 5 Dean Street – Wayne Proulx – replication/restoration area – denied COC - The applicant was not present. Mr. Materne asked if anyone read the report which basically states to plant saplings and then irrigate. The report did not mention the berm which he feels should be breached to allow water to flow through. He did not see any information about a wetland seed mix. They may want to lower the grade. A letter will be sent to Mr. Proulx outlining the commission's recommendations. They will check back in June of 2018.

2. Walt Munroe Conservation Area (and other properties) – Rules and Regulations – Discussion with Land Trust – Ms. Carol Williams was present. They were waiting for Mr. Latham to arrive for the meeting. Mr. Materne stated he came up with some ideas that he feels are protective but not restrictive. This matter was discussed later in the meeting once Mr. Latham arrived. Mr. Latham stated they will have regulations similar to the Miller Bird Sanctuary for the Walt Munroe Conservation area and it makes sense. Mr. Materne added that most people who use the property don't distinguish between the Land Trust and a Conservation Commission property. He feels they should all have the same rules. Mr. Latham agreed. He added there should be a distinction between calling something a sanctuary versus a Conservation area that residents can use for trails etc. Mr. Latham noted that the Miller Bird sanctuary is a sanctuary but is sort of functioning as a conservation area because people are allowed access to it, but you may not want to allow hunting in that area because it's a bird sanctuary. The commission was satisfied with the rules and regulations written by Mr. Materne and Mr. Latham. They did discuss the use of mountain bikes. Mr. Latham feels this could cause conflicting interest for areas such as these. Many people use the trails for walking and if mountain bikers are allowed they should have marked trails for this so people walking the trails are aware. Mr. Materne feels open space can be used by the public in many different ways. Ms. Williams will retype the rules and regulations and get copies to Mr. Materne and Ms. Bradley.

3. Appoint Open Space and Recreation Ad-Hoc Committee –

Mr. Evans motioned to appoint the following people to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Sub-Committee. William Costa Sr., Bob Materne, June House, Lynore McKim, Roger Martineau and Sarah Huber.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

*NOT ON AGENDA – Sprague Road – Mr. Materne stated they were very close to obtaining this property. There are some issues to be resolved. It is still in the works. There was no further discussion.

MINUTES

INVOICES

1. W.B. Mason – office supplies - \$60.57

Mr. Evans motioned to submit payment to W.B. Mason for \$60.57

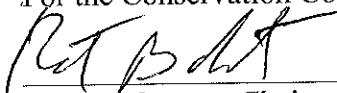
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

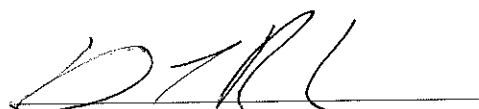
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission


Robert Materne, Chairman


David Evans, Vice-Chairman