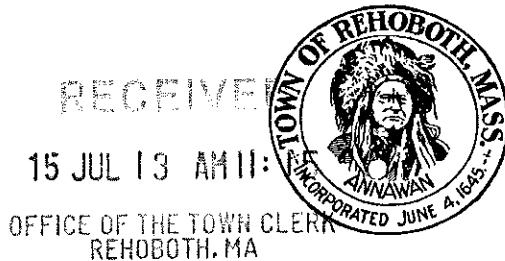


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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2015

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Stephen Choquette, Matt Habershaw, Scott Pennoyer; Leeann Bradley – Conservation Agent

Absent: Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Kershaw Associate Member

CALL TO ORDER

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

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Lot 10, Plain St. – Vieira – Restoration of altered BVW – Mr. Materne stated Mr. Pennoyer confirmed that Mr. Vieira will begin restoration work next week.
2. 83 Plain St. – Lopes – Add'l activity on property – manure management plan/removal of all cows – Mr. Materne stated they expect Ms. Lopes at the next meeting.
3. 187 Pleasant Street – Goulet – BVW/Riverfront fill – Ms. Carol Goulet was present. Mr. Materne began by reviewing the Enforcement Order with regard to debris on the property and filling the wetlands along the riverfront. He stated the Commission made a visit to the property and tonight's discussion would center around how to remediate and get back on track. The Commission will go out and stake the limit of fill. Haybales will need to be staked on the upland side. The slope will need to be stabilized. The Commission will need permission to enter the property. Ms. Goulet would like to be called to set up a time for the Commission to stake the property. The Commission agreed.
4. Lot 36, Willow Way – BVW driveway fill – Mr. Materne asked Mr. Choquette what he observed on his visit to the property. Mr. Choquette stated he took several pictures. The fill had been removed to allow flow and straw wattles were installed on both sides. He noted they did a good job and the area is passable now. The applicant needs to file an NOI for the May 19th meeting.
5. 159 Peck St. – tree cutting within buffer zone and NHESP estimated habitat – Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were present. Mr. Materne began by stating the Commission made a visit to the property and noted Mr. Fuller had cut trees on the upland side of the wetlands, which is mapped by NHESP. Mr. Fuller stated the trees had been cut to move their garden back to its original site on one side of the house. They have since stopped activity per the Commission's request. Mr. Fuller stated the garden will be beyond the wood pile

but not near the stonewall on the property. Mr. Evans asked the Fullers to keep the pond on the other side of the wall as is. The vernal pool and shading need to stay as is. Mr. Fuller stated they will stay 40'-50' away from the wall. Mrs. Fuller asked if they could have a pigpen for one or two pigs. Mr. Evans asked that they call the Board of Health office first for guidance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

128 Bay State Road – G & W Foundry – Solar NOI – SE60- Mr. Michael Lotti from Innovative Engineering Solutions was present on behalf of the applicant, Kearsarge Rehoboth LLC. He began by stating all the resource areas have been delineated and approved. The property is currently vacant. There is a grass field that is mowed occasionally. He is proposing approximately 3300 solar panels, 999KW that will produce approximately 800KW of power. The entire project will be fenced and some tree clearing will be necessary. There will be no grading and all work will be done at grade. There will be just over 1.3 acres of tree clearing proposed. They will leave the tree stumps. A silt fence will be the limit of work and removed upon completion and wattles will be installed for erosion control. The road will not be paved since there will be little or no activity once the project is complete. Maintenance for the road will take place four (4) times per year. The fence will be eight feet (8') high with warning signs and emergency notification information signs as required. The interconnection point will be on Bay State Rd. Connections will be mostly underground except for the last seventy five feet (75') where there will be three (3) poles installed and owned by National Grid. The transformer will be onsite, not on the pole, and will use mineral oil not PCB's. Mr. Pennoyer suggested a vault for the transformer since it's within the Inner Riparian Zone.

Mr. Materne stated he was concerned with tree cutting in the Inner Riparian Zone up to twenty five feet (25') from the Palmer River. Ms. Bradley stated they did yet submit a Riverfront Alternative Analysis per the wetland regulations. Without the Riverfront Alternatives Analysis, DEP will likely flag the file. If Conservation approves the project without receipt of the Analysis, DEP would most likely appeal the Commission's Order of Conditions. Mr. Lotti stated the project is in a former industrial filled area and he is aware it is within 200' of a river. He is hoping to work within 25' of the river. Mr. Materne stated he is not agreeable to trees being cut that are meant to protect the river. It will need to be proven to the Commission that there is no other alternative or they will not approve the project. Mr. Materne requested a very clear narrative as to what work is proposed in that area. Mr. Lotti agreed. Once the Analysis is submitted, it will be forwarded to Fuss & O'Neill for review. Mr. Habershaw suggested the Commission take a look at the site and see what is going to be cut. The project may need to be moved North. It may be a better alternative to tree cutting. The Commission noticed MAHW flags in the water.

Ms. Bradley suggested Mr. Lotti check the floodplain regulations. She stated that any project proposed in a floodplain must go before the Zoning Board. Mr. Lotti agreed. Ms. Bradley asked if the Commission was agreeable to a combined Planning/Conservation review for the Site Plan/Solar and NOI submittals. The Commission agreed. This matter will be continued until June 2, 2015.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Bylaw Amendment – Fee Increase – No discussion.

149 Chestnut St. – Manette Jungels – buffer zone enhancement - Manette Jungels was present. She is requesting permission to clear areas of bittersweet and poison ivy on her property that have overtaken trees but are within 100' of wetlands. She would like to plant white pine in the area and wants to know

what the regulations and limitations are. The Conservation Commission will visit her property at the next site walk on May 17, 2015 and take a look at Ms. Jungels property. They will advise her how to proceed.

Annual Reappointments – Robert Materne (3), David Evans (3), Matthew Habershaw (3), Karl Drown (1), Matthew Kershaw (1). Mr. Pennoyer motioned to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen highly recommending that they reappoint the above members for another term. Their time and expertise are valued by the commission. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Karl Drown will be contacted to see if he still wants to be an associate member as he has not attended a meeting in three (3) years.


OTHER

Mr. Materne stated they went out to 187 Pleasant St. and noticed the two abutting properties are a mess. Mr. Pennoyer went by later and it appeared cleaned up. Debris in the riverfront was observed. Mr. Materne requested letters be sent to the abutters to attend the June 2, 2015 meeting. The Commission will visit the property on May 31, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Habershaw motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,


Robert Materne, Chairman