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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2018

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Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Kershaw

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: Scott Pennoyer, Matt Habershaw, Stephen Choquette,

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 has sent a letter to Mr. Vieira and is waiting to hear from him.
2. Manitook Estates – Administrative Consent Order – Enforcement Order issued – No activity on site.
3. One Linden Lane – Martel – Mr. Martel was present. He assured Mr. Materne the hay bales would be installed correctly this week. Mr. Materne informed Mr. Martel the Enforcement Order would not be lifted until the hay bales are installed correctly. The commission will make a site visit on February 4th to inspect the hay bales.
4. Oakhill Beagle Club – forest restoration and wildlife management plan – Monitoring site visit on June 18, 2018.
5. 367 Anawan Street – Lilli Mae – possible cutting within BVW – Mr. Brian Vieira was present. Mr. Materne stated Rachel Smith flagged the property and the commission verified the line. Mr. Vieira stated the tenant is responsible for the pile of debris. Mr. Vieira will make sure it is removed. Mr. Nicholson wanted to make it clear to Mr. Vieira that he is not in the wetlands but he is bordering the wetlands and piles of debris can be problematic. The commission feels if he is going to keep the debris there he will need to move it away from the wetland line and install some type of physical barrier. They suggest it be done during the dry season. Mr. Vieira's goal is to clear the area out and use it for parking. The commission did not feel erosion control was needed. Mr. Materne suggested that Mr. Vieira move the debris out when it's dry and then contact the commission to inspect the work. The Enforcement Order will remain in place until the work is done. Mr. Vieira will notify the Conservation Commission when he

is going to remove the debris. He thanked the commission for their patience. There was no further discussion.

6. 364 Winthrop Street – Mendonca – Riverfront alteration – Mr. Materne stated the commission made a visit to the property and determined there is nothing Mr. Mendonca can do now as the ground is frozen. The line has to be staked once it thaws. Once the stakes are in the ground Mr. Mendonca should notify the commission for a site visit.

7. 545 Winthrop Street – Silveira – Mr. Materne drove by the property and noted the junk cars have been removed. He requested that a letter be sent to all of the town boards and departments that are involved with this matter to let them know the cars have been removed.

Mr. Evans motioned to lift the Enforcement Order.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 25 Pond Street – Brisson – NOI – SE60-1087 – Mr. Peter Lavoie of Landmark Site Design was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Evans recused himself from the public hearing as he is a member of the Rehoboth Land Trust who is an abutter of this property. Mr. Lavoie stated he had the bank flagged and this was added to the plan. It shows 100' and 200' offset as indicated by pink lines on the plan. He noted that approximately 2,300 s.f. of riverfront is disturbed for the well and grading. The total riverfront area on the parcel is approximately 81,000s.f., which is 2.8% of disturbance. Mr. Nicholson was at the site visit and noted that it definitely looked like the river had expanded with all the recent rain. Mr. Materne stated he never received the report from Brian Waterman. Ms. Bradley noted she sent Brian Waterman's report to the commission via email. Mr. Materne stated they went to the site and noted they are not near the MAWM yet. Mr. Lavoie stated he and Brian Waterman checked stream stats as well and this was in his report. Mr. Materne stated the commission will be hiring an outside consultant for review to verify Mr. Lavoie and Mr. Waterman's report. Mr. Lavoie understood. He does not want the project held up if possible. Mr. Lavoie asked for a continuance of the public hearing to the meeting of February 6, 2018. Mr. Nicholson motioned to grant the continuance.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. 70 New Street – Faneuf – RDA – Mr. Brandon Faneuf was present on behalf of the applicant. It was noted that the commission verified the C line as depicted on the plan.

Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Order of Resource Area Delineation.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. 41 Colonial Way – Duarte – ANRAD – SE60 – Mr. Duarte was present but had not submitted proof of Gazette payment or abutter notification prior to the meeting. He did not have this information with him at the meeting. The public hearing will be continued to the meeting of 2/6/18.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Davis Street – APR Warrant Article Support Discussion – Luke Travis – Attorney Luke Travis was present on behalf of the applicants Richard and Eleanor Amaral. Mrs. Amaral inherited the property at 50 Davis Street some time ago from Eleanor's mother. She wants to keep it agricultural. Mr. Travis put Mrs. Amaral in touch with the Department of Agricultural Resources. She received a letter from them last week and Mr. Travis forwarded to Ms. Bradley. They have offered to purchase an APR on the property which is just under 30 acres. There will be no public access. It requires a conditional match of \$29,000.00 from the town. Mr. Travis is before the commission tonight asking if they would sponsor a warrant article for the funding match. Mr. Evans asked what the source of the matching funds would be. Mr. Travis assumed it would come from CPA funds but the town meeting would determine where the money comes from. Mr. Materne feels that since this is a right to farm community, the community should be involved in paying for it. The Conservation Commission agreed they may fund a small amount. Mr. Evans stated they would verbally support this at the town meeting. He will speak to the Agricultural Commission. He feels they will endorse this. Mr. Materne stated it is a valuable piece of land and they want to see it protected. There was no further discussion.

2. Request for OC extension – 109-111 Davis Street – Prachanronarong – SE60-923

3. Request for OC extension – 103-105 Davis Street – Prachanronarong – SE60-925

Mr. Evans motioned to extend the Order of Conditions for 103-105 and 109-111 Davis Street
Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Associate Member discussion – Sara Huber – Ms. Sara Huber was present expressing an interest in becoming an Associate Member of the Conservation Commission. She is currently part of the Open Space Committee. She submitted a talent bank form some time ago. She moved to Rehoboth in January of 2017 and is employed with the Providence Community Library System. She admitted she does not have any experience in conservation matters but is very interested in learning about it. Mr. Materne stressed the importance of attendance both at meetings and site visits. She understood the responsibility of the position.

Mr. Evans motioned to appoint Ms. Huber as an Associate Member of the Rehoboth Conservation Commission.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Acceptance of off Sprague Road (Dyer property) Deeds - Attorney Luke Travis was present on behalf of the applicant. He delivered the deeds to Ms. Bradley. The commission signed their acceptance.

Mr. Nicholson motioned to accept the deeds for Sprague Road.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MINUTES

1. August 15, 2017 2. September 5, 2017 3. October 3, 2017 4. October 24, 2017

Minutes were previously approved. They will be signed at this meeting.

INVOICES

1. MSMPC – municipal conservation professionals membership - \$20.00

Mr. Nicholson motioned to submit payment for MSMPC.

Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Waterstone Engineering – The Reserve at Spring Hill - \$2,870.00

Mr. Nicholson motioned to submit payment to Waterstone Engineering.

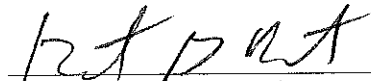
Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission



Robert Materne, Chairman

David Evans, Vice-Chairman