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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2021

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Thomas Nicholson, Matt Habershaw, Stephen Choquette, Associate Member William Morgan, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

Absent: Dave Evans, Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Kershaw.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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Public Hearing and Meetings

1. Daniels – 128 Peck Street – NOI SE60-1241

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.

Mr. Mariano presented plans. He has not heard back from Natural Heritage. Requested a continuance until June 15, 2021

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to grant a continuance until June 15, 2021.

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

2. Viveiros – 560 Tremont Street – NOI – SE60 - XXXX

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.

Mr. Mariano presented plans.

Mr. Materne asked if the clearing was going to be up to the haybales?

Mr. Mariano replied yes.

Mr. Materne stated we are looking for a 25' track pad at the work entrance.

Mr. Mariano stated it already exist with the gravel driveway already in place.

Mr. Materne asked if the commission had any questions or comments? There were none.

Mr. Materne explained the appeal process for all decisions.

Mr. Nicholson stated they are proposing 32 wetland signs.

Mr. Materne stated yes.

Mr. Nicholson stated to place them at wf5, wf12, wf21, wf29, wf44, wf51, wf60.

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

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

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to issued Order of Conditions with the changes discussed.

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

3. Ferreira – Perryville Road – ANRAD – SE60-1242

Mr. Materne stated that this public hearing has been continued until the next meeting.

4. Mello – 1 Francelina Way – NOI – SE60-XXXX

Mr. Chris Andrade of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Andrade presented plans.

Mr. Materne asked if there was going to be a lawn up to the wetland line?

Mr. Andrade stated yes, up to the limit of work.

Mr. Materne asked if there were any concerns?

Mr. Choquette stated that a track pad at the end of the driveway is needed.

Mr. Andrade stated he would add that to the plan.

Mr. Materne asked if all the flags had been replaced?

Mr. Andrade stated yes.

Mr. Materne asked if the commission had any other issues? There were none.

Mr. Materne asked the audience if there were any questions or concerns? There were none.

Mr. Andrade requested a continuance until June 15, 2021.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to grant a continuance until June 15, 2021.

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

5. Kelley – 12 Linden Lane – NOI – SE60-XXXX

Mr. Chris Andrade of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Materne asked if the flags were all up?

Mr. Andrade stated yes.

Mr. Materne asked if everything was staked?

Mr. Andrade stated they are going out this week to do that.

Mr. Andrade presented plans.

Mr. Materne asked the commission if they felt this project could be discussed without the wetland line verified?

Mr. Nicholson stated we should wait.

The commission agreed.

Mr. Andrade requested a continuance until June 15, 2021.

Mr. Materne asked the audience if there were any questions or comments?

Ms. Lisa Peck of 149 Chestnut Street was present.

Ms. Peck stated she was present with some residence of Chestnut Street and Ruthann Drive. She was concerned with the fact that in the beginning of this project they were all told that there would only be 2 lots, not 4.

Mr. Materne stated that the number of houses is not in our jurisdiction, that is the Planning Board. All we can regulate is issues that fall under the Wetland Protection Act.

Ms. Peck stated she understood that. Part of what we're concerned about is that having 4 houses involved in the wetlands and having 2 septic and 2 wells, certainly is going to affect the potential for wetland destruction. Especially with lawns going right up to the wetland. She was concerned with fertilizer runoff.

Mr. Materne stated unfortunately the Town of Rehoboth does not have a no-touch zone. Under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act the applicant is allowed to build right up to the wetland line. They're not in violation of the Wetland Protection Act, in the Town of Rehoboth. All new construction, all new septic systems have to be more than 60' away from the wetlands. The Wetland Protection Act allows 50'. If the project shows a septic at more than 60' away, we have to approve it. Only the Board of Health can determine if the septic will have an impact. Same thing if they have their limit of disturbance to the wetland line, we have to allow it.

This was discussed further.

Ms. Peck asked what can any of us do if this is going to go forward, even if it was never represented to us as this was going to be a further subdivided.

Mr. Materne stated we are the Conservation Commission. We have no jurisdiction over the number of houses. You have to speak to the Planning Board.

Mr. Andrade spoke in regards to what the original subdivision plan showed.

Ms., Peck asked as abutters are we not notified regarding the changes?

Mr. Andrade stated no, because it's a minor change.

Mr. Materne asked if this was brought before planning?

Mr. Andrade stated he wasn't sure.

This was discussed further.

Mr. Materne asked if there were any other questions?

Ms. Peck asked is this going to be moving forward?

Mr. Materne stated as far as the Wetland Protection Act, we still have to conduct a site walk because the wetland line has expired. So, we have to go out and reinspect the wetland line to make sure that it's accurate.

Ms. Peck stated thank you.

Mr. Materne explained what will occur on the site walk.

Mr. Andrade requested a continuance until June 15, 2021.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to grant a continuance until June 15, 2021.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all replied aye. Motion passes.

6. Kelley – 14 Linden Lane – NOI – SE60-XXXX

Mr. Chris Andrade of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Andrade requested a continuance until June 15, 2021.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to grant a continuance until June 15, 2021.

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

General Business

1. Caponigro – 181 Perryville Road – SE60-694 – Request for COC

Mr. Roach stated that everything is in order. Recommended issuing the COC.

Mr. Choquette made a motion to issued the Certificate of Compliance.

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

2. Conservation Commissioners Updates

- Danforth Street

Mr. Materne stated he had spoken to Michael Costello, Highway Superintendent, the town is going to make a parking area for Danforth Street. This town has no handicap trails. He'd like to start researching on building them. Asked Mr. Morgan if he would be willing to do some research on how to build handicap trails. He picked out 3 areas he thought would work for this. 1) The Munroe Conservation Area 2) The Savoie Conservation Area 3) Danforth Street. All of them have parking lots.

- Grant Research

Mr. Roach stated he has spoken to SRPEDD. They have helped to get everything we need in order for us to apply.

Mr. Materne stated to look under handicap associations, they might have grants.

- GPS Devices

Mr. Materne asked Mr. Nicholson how accurate are GPS devices and how can you use them? How much do they cost?

Mr. Nicholson stated it depends on what you want. If you want a sub 3 meter it's going to be expensive. A 3 meter is 10' +/- and it's \$2200.00.

Mr. Materne stated that none of our properties are marked for boundaries. We can't afford to have a surveyor go out and mark them. If there was a way that we could do it ourselves and make an approximate boundary. We don't want people trespassing on other people's property.

Mr. Nicholson asked if we have GPS coordinates for all the property corners?

Mr. Materne stated that most of them have been surveyed.

Mr. Nicholson stated if they have been surveyed you could tape off the boundaries. You don't need GPS.

Mr. Materne asked how do you do that?

Mr. Nicholson stated line up by 500' points and measure it with a 500' tape measure.

This was discussed further.

Mr. Materne stated that we need to mow part of the Munroe property. Not the field. Where the entrance is. Do you know anyone who could go out there and mow it? Plus, the path to the field.

Mr. Roach stated that Highway and Forestry mows it once or twice a year.

Mr. Materne stated it needs to be done now.

Mr. Roach stated he would speak to Michael Costello, Highway Superintendent and Rob Johnson, Tree Warden.

3. Agent Update

Mr. Roach stated he didn't have an update.

Concerns & Complaints

1. 582 Winthrop Street – Concern – Working Past the Scope of RDA

Mr. Roach stated this will be on the next site walk.

2. 72 Martin Street – Concern

Mr. Roach stated there was no update from him.

Mr. Brandon Faneuf of EcoSystem Solutions was present

Mr. Faneuf gave an update.

Mr. Materne stated once everything is done in the field, as far as flagging, we need to figure out how to fix everything. Asked Mr. Faneuf when do you think a NOI will be filled?

Mr. Faneuf stated he would have to check with Mount Hope Engineering.

3. 97 Salisbury Street – Concern

Mr. Roach stated he spoke with the property owner. The owner stated the 7th or 8th of June he would be able to meet with the commission, during the day.

Mr. Materne stated he understand that this is not a negotiation, right?

Mr. Roach stated he has explained to the owner what you wanted.

4. 29 County Street - Concern

Mr. Roach stated he had not heard from them yet.

Mr. Materne stated he is in violation of the Enforcement Order.

Mr. Roach stated he knows.

5. 23 Winthrop Street – Concerns

Mr. Materne asked if we are going out to this on our next site walk?

Mr. Roach stated yes.

6. 172 Summer Street – Concern

Mr. Materne stated he had spoken to Karl Drown, Health Agent. He wants to get out there next week to do a site walk with the Fire Chief. Do any of you want to go?

Mr. Nicholson stated to let him know the date and time.

The rest of the commission agreed.

Meeting Minutes

1. February 16, 2021

Mr. Materne gave edits.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the minutes listed above with edits.

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

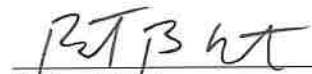
ADJOURNMENT

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 7:53 pm.

For the Conservation Commission



Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman