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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2018

Present: Robert Materne, David Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Matt Habershaw, Stephen Choquette
Associate Members Sarah Huber, Scott Pennoyer

Leeann Bradley, Conservation Agent

Absent: Matt Kershaw

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. 364 Winthrop Street – Mendonca – Riverfront alteration – Mr. Materne stated the commission made a visit to the property and asked the commission for their thoughts. Mr. Evans asked if the 200' outer riparian zone was staked. Mr. Materne stated it was correct, and they have a baseline now. He added this is where a major disturbance of the outer riparian zone existed. They now need to figure out how Mr. Mendonca can fix it. He noted they have a good idea of what the original topography was and it appears that he has filled the major part of it. Mr. Habershaw feels the bottom part is in need of fill where it is sandy and feels loam and trees should go in and install riparian signs. Mr. Materne suggested leaf litter from the landfill for more protection. Ms. Bradley stated the Order of Conditions has expired and is not valid and there is no Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Materne suggested a survey of the wooded area and duplicate it. Mr. Habershaw suggested saplings such as 1" whips soon, as well as white pine, oaks and some birch. Mr. Materne feels the commission should give Mr. Mendonca some very detailed guidance. He stated step one is the area must be brought down to grade and how do they let Mr. Mendonca know what is grade? Mr. Choquette suggested spreading out stumps for stabilization of the area.

Mr. Mendonca will be asked to attend the next meeting so the commission can give him directions on what to pull back. Mr. Habershaw suggested adding this to the next site visit to do an assessment of what is there and give him an idea of what the commission expects. Ms. Bradley suggested having the contractor attend the site visit as well. The commission felt that was a good idea. There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 82 Cedar Street – Baker – NOI – SE60-1091 – Ms. Rachel Smith from Otis Dyers office was present on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Baker. She began by stating that at the last meeting there was a lot of discussion regarding where to put the replication area. The commission agreed they wanted the replication area to go between wetland flags 28 to 32. She added they went out to the site and staked it out and have drawn in the new replication area. It has the same square footage as the previous area which is 2,480s.f. They just changed the location. The commission had no questions or concerns.

Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Order of Conditions.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. 327 Summer Street – Moniz - Hazelton Golf Course – NOI – SE60- This public hearing has been continued to March 20, 2018.

3. Route 44 (Winthrop St.) – Mass DOT – NOI – SE60-1096 – Andrea Coates, was present on behalf of Mass DOT as the District Environmental Engineer. She presented plans to the commission. She is proposing a resurfacing project on Route 44 the whole length of the way. It involves some tree trimming as well as a short section of sidewalk to be constructed in front of the elementary school, which will be approximately 300'. They will be reconstructing the existing paved waterways along Route 44 as well as constructing two new paved waterways. She added the resurfacing part of the project is a minor activity under the Wetlands Protection Act. The sidewalk is outside the 100' buffer zone. The tree trimming and the paved waterways are jurisdictional and the two new paved waterways are within the riverfront area. Mr. Materne asked how the sand runoff impacts the wetlands. Ms. Coates stated it will accumulate. Mr. Materne stated he lives along the Palmer River near one of the bridges and has noticed sand bars forming. He stated it is from sanding operations during the winter. She agreed that over time that could be possible. She added that these existing paved waterways don't have any stone pads at the end of them. DOT does not have a method for cleaning them. Mr. Materne asked if they could make improvements on the paved waterways while they are doing them. Ms. Coates stated that they don't have room to do much more than add a stone pad which would be some form of treatment. Mr. Materne suggested allowing more room giving them a way to treat it. He added there is an obvious impact from sand washing into the river and it actually creates sandbars. Ms. Coates stated something like that is beyond the scope of the project. She stated the road paving is off the table and they were before the commission to talk about the paved waterways and tree trimming only. There is not much they can do within the right of way. Mr. Evans asked what the BMP's are for paved waterways when they maintain them or when they install new ones. He asked about the procedure so they don't have problems with the roads. Ms. Coates stated they add the stone pads now, and before they didn't. The pads are installed with erosion control around the perimeter with wattles or hay bales. Ms. Coates stated there was a detail regarding installing the stone pad and showed it to Mr. Evans.

Mr. Materne understands the work needs to be done and since they are doing work is there a way to protect the wetlands from sand long term. Mr. Habershaw stated the rip rap at the end will protect the wetlands. Ms. Coates stated the project is scheduled to begin next spring. The commission feels the rip rap at the base of the stone pads will need to be managed by removing any siltation on a regular basis, but most likely won't be until the road is resurfaced.

Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Evans motioned to issue the Order of Conditions that include maintenance every 2 years as needed to clean debris in the rip rap areas in perpetuity.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Cloud Estates – Open Space Parcel – Update – Ms. Bradley is still waiting to hear back from the engineer.
2. FY2019 Budget – Ms. Bradley stated they do not really have a budget but she has to document it.
3. Miller Bird Sanctuary – split/cut wood from fallen trees – Mr. Materne stated he drove by on Lake Street and did not see what they are talking about. Ms. Bradley stated she received a call from Diane Biello today. Ms. Biello has been getting calls from people asking if they can collect the wood that has been cut from fallen trees from the last storm. Mr. Materne feels someone has already taken the wood as he did not really see anything. Ms. Bradley noted the wood was cut and stacked. Mr. Materne stated if the wood is in the town right of way anyone can take it and anything else should be left as is.
4. Riverfront Signs – Ms. Bradley emailed the commission samples of the signs for their approval. It was agreed the signs will be \$25.00

Not on Agenda:

Mr. Choquette asked to discuss Hazelton Golf Course. Mr. Nicholson recused himself. Mr. Choquette made a site visit with Todd, who represented the golf course. He noted that everything the commission has asked for has been done. He was very satisfied with the work noting wattles and hay bales were installed. Mr. Materne stated he will probably have to file an ANRAD because it is more than 600'.

Mr. Evans brought up the Rehoboth Land Trust annual meeting noting it will be postponed until early May. April 2nd there will be a presentation on endangered species specifically on the spadefoot toad.

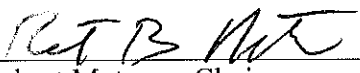
MINUTES

INVOICES

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