# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2018

**Present**: Robert Materne, David Evans, Matt Habershaw, Stephen Choquette, Matt Kershaw, Thomas Nicholson, Associate Member Sara Huber

Absent: Krisna Prachanronarong, Associate Member Scott Pennoyer

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS**

29 Francis Street – Johnson & Wales – NOI - SE60-1105

Ms. Lauren Gluck from Pare Corp. was present on behalf of the applicant.

Ms. Gluck presented the plans.

Ms. Gluck spoke in regards to wetland mitigation and the wetland line had been revised. She presented the mitigation to be in the rear of the property where a paddock is located.

Mr. Materne stated since the area proposed is already a wetland the applicant cannot use it for a mitigation area. "A" line is correct, "B" line is a wetland, wetlands constantly move. The replication area would need to be somewhere else on the property.

Mr. Nicholson asked why the wetlands had been allowed to be mowed.

Mr. Materne stated that it had been overlooked in the last filing on this property, but does need to stop.

Mr. Materne stated that there are uplands at the "B" line behind the field.

Mr. Evans stated that the replication area could be north of the "B" line.

Mr. Materne stated that it could go to the left of the pond.

Ms. Gluck stated that there is a reason why those areas have not been considered for replication/mitigation. Those areas are needed for the functional reasons of the applicant.

Mr. Materne stated that "A" line is a violation; mowing a wetland. How much room is needed for the safety of the horses from the paddock to the fence? There is a larger area than what is needed. Johnson & Wales is in violation "B" series is going to be fixed and then replicated.

Mr. Evans stated there is a way to come up with a plan for replication.

Mr. Materne asked how much area are uplands in the back.

Mr. Kershaw stated that the commission does not use restoration as a substitute for replication.

Mr. Evans stated he believes that uplands can be found near the "B" series that would serve as replication.

Mr. Materne stated that the application needs to be changed. A stable is not an agricultural project.

Ms. Gluck requested a continuance until July 10, 2018

Mr. Evans stated that paperwork would need to be submitted by July 2, 2018.

Mr. Evans moved to continue the public hearing until July 10, 2018

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

## 154 Barney Ave – Ferreira – RDA

Mr. Rob Davis from InSite Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Davis presented the plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the commission did not verify the wetland line. If the project changes in any other way; the commission will have to do soils on the entire property.

Mr. Evans states that the project does not relate to the BVW as we did not do any studies.

Mr. Materne stated that the field has never been planted because it is too wet, the soils are bad. The field was always mowed, difficult to determine by vegetation. Indicator plants were all over the field.

Mr. Evans moved to issue a Negative 3 determination.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

#### 27 Starr Lane - Mitchell - NOI - SE60-1107

Mr. Rob Davis from InSite Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Davis presented the plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the wetland line is accurate.

Mr. Choquette asked how many wetland signs are there on the wetland line.

Mr. Davis replied three.

Mr. Materne stated the signs have good placement.

Mr. Evans moved to close the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Evans moved to issue Order of Conditions.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

#### 15 Colonial Way – Ziegelmayer – RDA

Mr. Dean Monsees from OSC Systems was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Monsees presented the plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the wetland lines are fine. There is trash in the BVW; this has already been discussed with the applicant. There is no Enforcement Order on the property at this time, as long as the work is done in good faith.

Mr. Evans moved to issue a negative 3 determination.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

## $\underline{50\ Tremont\ Street-Lacombe-NOI-SE60-1106}$

Tracy Duarte from MBL Land Development was present on behalf of the applicant.

Ms. Duarte presented the plans.

Mr. Evans moved to close the public hearing.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Evans moved to issue Order of Conditions.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

## 582 Winthrop Street - Geisser - Violation

Mr. Materne stated that where the wetlands are it is now lawn. The home owner needs to file an RDA. The property behind 582 Winthrop Street has also been disturbed without a filing. The commission cannot confirm whether there are wetlands because the entire property has been disturbed. An RDA would have to be filed to actually determine if there are wetlands on the property.

## 5 Dean Street - Proulx - Replication Area Check

Mr. Materne stated that the property owner needs to be contacted for an update.

## 2 Williamsfield Lane - Geislinger - Cease & Desist Order

Mr. Materne stated that the property owner has been requested to come to the July 10, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting.

#### 58 Winthrop Street - Harris - Violation

Mr. Richard Harris Jr. of 58 Winthrop Street was present.

Mr. Materne stated that there is dumping in the wetlands. Asked the commission if they felt a Cease & Desist order or an Enforcement Order should be issued to clean up the wetlands.

Mr. Evans moved to issue a Cease & Desist Order.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Hiring of a New Conservation Agent

Mr. Materne stated that he had attended the Board of Selectman's meeting and they interviewed a candidate. The candidate has been hired, contingent on salary negotiations.

#### Hiring of a Administrative Aide.

Mr. Materne stated there is a Full Time position posted for a new Administrative Aide for 36 hours a week. The aide would be for DPW, Conservation, Planning, Stormwater, and ZBA.

Mr. Nicholson asked how many hours the aide would be working for conservation.

Mr. Choquette asked who would be monitoring the workload.

Mr. Materne stated that personnel would be monitoring the workload.

#### MEETING MINUTES

## April 24, 2018

Mr. Habershaw stated that there we some spelling errors.

Mr. Evans moved to accept the Aril 24, 2018 meeting minutes with edits.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

### 367 Anawan Street-Lillie Mae – cutting in the BVW

Mr. Habershaw stated that nothing has happened on the property to fix the violation. There are excavators but nothing has moved.

Mr. Materne stated that a letter should be issued to remind the property owner that the work needs to be started.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Evans moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

For the Conservation Commission

Robert Materne, Chairman

David Evans, Vice-Chairman