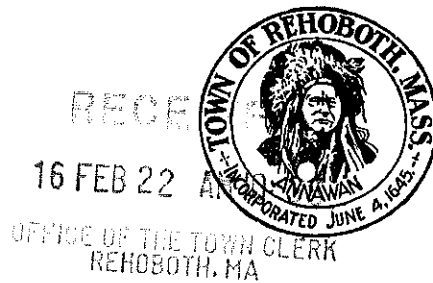


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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2015

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

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

172/178 Summer St. – Solid waste in BVW – Mr. Materne stated that the Commission had received a letter from an abutter noting that debris had been removed a few years ago from the property but nothing had been recently removed. Mr. Materne noted that DEP has assigned someone new to the project and has since contacted Mr. Ashton. Mr. Materne feels the Commission should make a site visit to 172 Summer St. Ms. Bradley will send a letter to the property owner informing them of the Conservation Commission's desire to visit the property.

CURRENT ISSUES

1. Lot 10, Plain St. – Vieira – Restoration of altered BVW – Mr. Pennoyer will contact Mr. Vieira and advise Mr. Materne of any progress that has been made.
2. 83 Plain St. – Lopes – Add'l activity on property – manure management plan/removal of all cows – Mr. Materne stated the Commission visited the site on Sunday and the cows had not yet been removed.
3. 187 Pleasant Street – Goulet – BVW/Riverfront fill – Enforcement Order Issued – Mr. Choquette has spoken to the Goulets who feel they have completed the work the Commission has asked of them and requested that Mr. Choquette visit the property and review their progress. Mr. Materne and Mr. Choquette will visit the property at an agreed upon time convenient for the property owners and review the work that has been done.
4. 193 Pleasant St. – Santos – Potential Riverfront Violation – Mr. Materne and the Commission made a visit to the site and stated the Santos' did not realize they were in violation by removing debris from the

riverfront area. They are working with the Commission to remedy the situation and remove the debris properly. No action will be taken by the Conservation Commission.

5. 197 Pleasant St. – Benevides – Potential Riverfront Violation - This is the same situation as Santos at 193 Pleasant St. They also did not realize they were in violation and are working with the Commission. No action will be taken. Mr. Choquette received a call from the property owner asking if wattles were acceptable to use instead of haybales. Mr. Choquette assured them it was.

6. 5 Wheeler St. – Tavares – Potential BVW Alteration – Mr. Joseph Tavares was present. Mr. Materne reminded the Commission this is the property they looked at on the corner of Wheeler and Pond St. Mr. Tavares stated he cut down several trees along the perimeter of a trench, some of which were leaning toward the house. One tree was dead. His home had some damage due to the winter storms. All debris has been cleaned up. Small branches and twigs have been deposited in the woods. The property has been flagged and no other work will be done on the property. Mr. Materne asked about the tree stumps which are on the edge of the wetland. Mr. Tavares would prefer to leave the stumps as is. He stated that at some point he may want to build a garage on the Pond St. side. Mr. Materne will make a visit to view the work done on the property. Mr. Tavares stated the wetland trench sometimes collects street runoff and sand which moves more water onto his property. Mr. Pennoyer suggested contacting the Highway Department for possible solutions. Mr. Tavares stated he cleans it out when it becomes blocked. The Conservation Commission is fine with him maintaining the end of the trench. No further action needs to be taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

128 Bay State Road – G & W Foundry – Solar NOI – SE60- Mr. Mike Lotti from Innovative Engineering Solutions was present on behalf of the applicant, Kearsarge Rehoboth LLC. Revisions have been made to the plan reflecting a reduction in the size of the array from 999KW to 647KW. The Riverfront Alternative Analysis was submitted to DEP. The array has been moved slightly North into the floodplain but out of the Riverfront area. There will be reductions in clearing and impact in the Riverfront Area. They measured the heights of trees for shading analysis. They want to remove a few select trees 40' or taller and do some cutting closer to the array. Mr. Lotti also stated that they will want to trim the tops or remove trees 40' or taller over the course of 20 years. There will be 11 cubic yards of compensatory flood storage provided for foundations in floodplain. Mr. Materne would like to take a look at the site to see exactly what trees they plan to take down. Mr. Lotti will mark the trees for the next site visit on June 14, 2015. This matter will be continued to the next meeting on June 16, 2015. Mr. Evans will reply in writing to Ms. Marsha Hood's recent letter to the Commission.

5 Willow Way – John Ferreira – NOI – SE60-1022 – Mr. Robert Davis from Insite Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant. He began by stating this is a NOI for the driveway only which has 50' access to a retreat lot crossing a BVW on an existing gravel path. The contractor got a little too aggressive and ended up graveling the path and wetland crossing. This activity was not included within the NOI for the subdivision. The intention was to file a NOI when a house was going to be built in the future. Approximately 1,010 s.f. of BVW will be impacted. There will be a 20' culvert with a 24" diameter pipe and a double row of straw wattles. The replication area will be 1,515 s.f. The details of replication are shown on the plan. Access to the replication area is not shown. Mr. Pennoyer suggested going in 100' and go in the back way to access the replication area. Mr. Habershaw suggested smaller native grown 5' to 6' trees in the replication area to ensure a higher success rate. Mr. Pennoyer also suggested no tree cutting within the buffer zone to access the replication area and a 5% slope access. Mr. Evans motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Pennoyer motioned to include on the Order of Conditions the stipulations discussed regarding the replication area. Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Peck St. and Reynolds Ave – John DuVally – ANRAD – SE60-1023 – Mr. Robert Davis from Insite Engineering was present as was the applicant, Mr. John DuVally. Mr. Davis began by stating the property has several IVWs around the perimeter of the property as well as 2 BVWs. Mr. Davis evaluated the IVWs and calculated volumes which do not qualify for ILSF status. The information is shown on the plan. Brad Holmes has been contacted to evaluate the property for wetland delineation accuracy, connections, vernal pools and Natural Heritage mapped areas for the Conservation Commission. This matter will be continued to the next meeting on June 16, 2015.

34 Blanding Road – Richard St. Laurent – RDA - Mr. Peter Lavoie from Landmark Site Design was present on behalf of the applicant. He began by stating this is a septic repair for an existing house. He thought the wetlands were further away and had the property reflagged. The wetland line has been verified. Mr. Lavoie rotated the system from the previous plan. The overdig is in the 100' buffer zone. Erosion control surrounds the limit of work.

Mr. Habershaw motioned to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

89 Pine St. – guy wire vegetation removal – Mark McMillan – The Conservation Commission made a visit to the site which included a tour by Mr. McMillan. They noted only one area of concern and instructed Mr. McMillan to cut selected trees down instead of trimming them. There is an issue with street sweeping as well. The company that cleans the access area is dumping the waste into the wetlands. Ms. Bradley will send a letter to Mr. McMillan stating the tree cutting is okay and no filing is required and they must make sure the street sweeping waste does not get dumped into the wetlands in the future.

INVOICES

1. Bertram Consulting – upgrade to database - \$620.00.

Mr. Nicholson motioned to approve payment. Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m. Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

For the Conservation Commission,



Robert Matérne, Chairman