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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Vice Chairman, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Associate Member Sara Huber, Office Administrator Stacy L. Vilao, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent

Absent: Matt Habershaw, Matt Kershaw, Associate Member Scott Pennoyer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS

1. 23 Park Street – Thurber – ANRAD – SE60-1136

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.
Mr. Trevor Thurber of 203 Homestead Ave was present on behalf of himself.
Mr. Mariano presented plans.
Mr. Materne stated that the flags are accurate.
Mr. Nichols made a motion to close the public hearing.
Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.
Mr. Nichols made a motion to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. 23 Park Street – Thurber – RDA

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.
Mr. Trevor Thurber of 203 Homestead Ave was present on behalf of himself.
Mr. Mariano presented plans.
Mr. Materne asked when the slurry from the well pit dries do you remove the concrete structure?
Mr. Mariano replied yes.
Mr. Nichols made a motion to issue a Negative 3 determination.
Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

3. 30 Nichols Street – Dewhirst – RDA

Mr. Christopher Dewhirst of 30 Nichols Street was present on behalf of himself.
Mr. Evans stated that the limit of work is marked, all proposed work is being done on existing lawn. The work proposed is outside of the 50' mark.

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Mr. Materne asked Mr. Evans if the commission needs to verify the wetland line?
Mr. Evans replied no.
Mr. Materne stated that haybales would be required at the limit of work.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Negative 3 determination.
Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

4. Rocky Hill Rd. – Eglin Solar – ANRAD – SE60-1131

Maria Firstenberg from TRC Engineering was present.
Ms. Firstenberg present revised plans based on a peer review from Caputo & Wick.
Mr. Materne asked if the applicant agreed with all comments made by Caputo & Wick.
Ms. Firstenberg replied yes.
Mr. Evans made a motion to close the public hearing.
Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passes.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation.
Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Johnson & Wales – PARE Corp. – Vegetation Maintenance

Ms. Lauren Gluck of PARE Engineering and Ms. Jackie Bowser of Johnson & Wales were present.
Ms. Gluck spoke in regards to a letter sent to the commission for a vegetation maintenance plan.
Mr. Materne asked what the minimum height of cutting would be.
Ms. Gluck replied 4 feet.
Ms. Bowser stated that all cutting would be done by hand or with a weed whacker.
Mr. Choquette stated that the vegetation could be cut no lower than 6".
Mr. Materne stated that because this is a safety issue for the horse's, the commission will allow it.
Mr. Materne asked Mr. Choquette when the cutting should take place.
Mr. Choquette stated that the cutting should take place Mid-June for the first cut and Mid-September if a seconded cut is needed.
Ms. Gluck requested cutting where the stream corridor is, just the understory, not the trees.
The commission agreed that the understory could be cut, no higher than 6' and done by hand as well.

CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS

1. 53 Water Street – Concern

Mr. Mason Turcotte of 53 Water Street was present.
Mr. Materne explained the Wetland Protection Act to Mr. Turcotte. Stated that there was clearing near a wetland.
Mr. Turcotte stated that there was some setback from the wetlands.
Mr. Materne stated that there was but not 100' from the wetlands. Asked Mr. Turcotte his intentions.
Mr. Turcotte replied that he is building a driveway.
Mr. Materne stated that there are woodchips near the wetland, is the work on the driveway complete.
Mr. Turcotte stated no. He would like to extend the driveway and build a garage.
Mr. Materne stated that a filing would be required if within 100' of wetlands.
Ms. Huber asked if the commission would have permitted it with a filing.
Mr. Materne stated that siltation control would have been required.
Mr. Choquette stated that the commission would go out and look at it in the spring. Do not do anymore work.

2. 181 Winthrop Street – A Class Glass – Debris in Wetlands

Mr. Materne stated that the owner will be present at the next meeting. The commission had been out to the site, and the issues were explained to the owner.

3. 367 Anawan Street – Lilli Mae - Violation

Mr. Choquette stated that the left side of the property had been worked on. He was unable to see if anything in the back of the property had been worked on. It was 60-70% complete.

Mr. Materne requested Ms. Vilao to contact the property owners to receive permission to enter the property.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. By-Law Workshop – Reschedule

The commission agreed to re-schedule the workshop for Tuesday February 26th, at 7:00pm. To be held at the town offices.

There was discussion in regards to having 2 placeholders for the town warrant.

3. Planning Board Meeting – 3/20/19

Mr. Materne reminded the commission that the commission is scheduled to meet with the Planning Board on 3/20/19.

4. Open Meeting Law – Discussion

Mr. Materne stated that he had attended the Open Meeting Law meeting at the town hall. The commission as a whole is doing well to comply with the laws. The commission will need to be careful with replying to emails. When you reply to “all” you are more likely to not comply with the Open Meeting Law.

5. Building Department – Notifying the Commission

Mr. Materne stated that the building permits that may involve wetlands need to come before the commission just as the Board of Health application’s do.

Mr. Evans stated that the commission should check with the building department.

Ms. Vilao is sending an email to Mr. McDonough, the Building Inspector.

6. Retention Ponds - Discussion

Mr. Materne stated that the town needs to know who is responsible for the up keep of the retention basin in town.

Mr. Choquette stated to talk to the Planning Board at the meeting on 3/20/19.

INVOICES

1. MACC - \$385.00 – MACC Annual Conference – Daniel, Sara & Stacy

Mr. Evans made a motion to pay the above-named invoice.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. W. B. Mason \$ 7.58 – office supplies

Mr. Evans made a motion to pay the above-named invoice.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

MINUTES

1. February 5, 2019

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the above-named minutes.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman