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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Thomas Nicholson, Matt Kershaw, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

Absent: Matt Habershaw, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Associate Member Sara Huber, Associate Member Scott Pennoyer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

General Business

1. Agent Update

Mr. Roach spoke in regards to Wheaton Ave and their Authorization to Proceed. He went to Veader Estates and gave them their Authorization to Proceed, they have 2 DEP signs up.

Concerns & Complaints

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

Mr. Roach stated that he has a site visit scheduled for Monday September 14, 2020 with the owner's son. The son is doing all the work there now.

2. 72 Martin Street – Concern

Mr. Roach stated he had not received anything yet.

3. 97 Salisbury Street - Concern

Mr. Roach stated he had not received anything.

Mr. Materne stated he had an idea. The big issue here, more than the wetlands, is to keep him out of the wetlands. This is the 4th time that he knew of. Gave a brief history of the times that he knew of that the property owner has been doing work in the wetlands. We can give him the option not to file a Notice of Intent and put up a fence along the wetland line and put up the wetland signs in 3 locations. We would waive the requirement for a Notice of Intent. If he refuses that then we will tell him he needs to file a Notice of Intent. If he doesn't do it soon, we are going to send it to Town Counsel. The wetlands themselves are growing back pretty good.

The commission agreed.

Mr. Materne stated send a letter to explain the situation. Once the signs are up, we will lift the Enforcement Order.

Mr. Roach stated he would hand deliver the letter.

4. 29 County Street – Concern

Mr. Roach stated the office had some issues finding out who the owner was. The office sent out the letter to the correct owner. He should have an update by the next meeting.

Mr. Materne asked had any work been done there?

Mr. Roach stated not that he had seen.

5. 23 Bay State Road – Concern & 579 Winthrop Street - Concern

Mr. Materne stated that this is the same violation. We didn't know if the property had been subdivided or not yet. We will be going out to take a look at the property next week.

Public Hearing and Meetings

1. Lambe – 63 Homestead Ave. – NOI – SE60-1198

The above public hearing was continued until September 15, 2020 at the request of the applicant.

2. Lillie Mae – 367 Anawan Street - RDA

The above public hearing was continued until September 15, 2020 at the request of the applicant.

4. Mello – 246 Perryville Rd – NOI – SE60-1199

The above public hearing was continued until September 15, 2020 at the request of the applicant.

General Business

1. Baasch – 62 Blanding Road – Request for COC – SE60-265 & 266

Mr. Roach stated that the commission is going out to this property at the next site walk.

Concerns & Complaints

6. 72 Martin Street – Concern

Mr. Mike Morrissey of 72 Martin Street was present.

Mr. Morrissey stated he had the engineer come out. The engineer is trying to put together a plan. Then the botanist is going to go out and flag to see what intentions they're going to come up with as far as a plan to restore a portion. Possibly do a recreation in another area.

Mr. Materne stated that the first part of the wetland flagging has to be done by a surveyor. It needs to be reflagged to what it originally was.

Mr. Morrissey stated the person he hired is a surveyor. He hired Mount Hope Engineering. The engineer just wants to get a lay of the land and understanding. He's going to do an overlay.

Mr. Materne stated the problem is that the area that was altered can be a lot more difficult to flag. The Notice of Intent from 2010, those flags will be put in the field by a surveyor not by a botanist.

Mr. Morrissey stated that is what is going to happen. Then we are going to extend the line after that.

General Business

2. Vieira – 41 Colonial Way – Request for COC – SE60-1103

Mr. Roach stated that everything is in place. The slopes have been established. It is done according to the Order of Conditions.

Mr. Materne asked are there any signs on the property?

Mr. Roach stated all of the signs for all the Certificate of Compliances are up. 41 Colonial Way had 2 signs and they are both up. His recommendation was to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

3. Greaves – 25 Pond Street – Request for COC – SE60-1087

Mr. Roach stated the grass has been established. There are 3 riparian zone signs. They are up and in place properly. Recommended granting the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

4. Rose – 138 Bay State Road – Request for COC – SE60-1190

Mr. Roach stated the septic system was placed according to the plan. The grass is established. Recommended granting a Certificate of compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

5. Ousley – 46 Ash Street – Request for COC – SE60-856

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.

Mr. Mariano explained what the project was for.

Mr. Roach stated everything was done according to the Order of Conditions. Recommended granting a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

6. Barrett – 94 Salisbury Street – Request for COC – SE60-1194

Mr. Roach stated that this initially had a pit dug. The septic system was put in the existing hole. Everything is in place according to the Order of Conditions. Recommended granting a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

7. Castro – 147 School Street – Request for COC – SE60-1178

Mr. Roach stated the septic system was put in place. Everything was done according to the plan. The debris has been removed as requested. Recommended granting a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

8. Collins – 140 Bay State Road – Request for COC – SE60-1189

Mr. Roach stated everything was done according to the Order of Conditions. The slopes have been established. Recommended granting a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance.

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

9. Almeida – 43 Starr Lane – Request for COC – SE60-1113 & 1147

Mr. Roach stated this was for the house, SE60-1113, and the pool, SE60-1147. Everything is in place according to the plan. Recommended granting a Certificate of compliance.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant the Certificate of Compliances.

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

10. Highway Contacting Conservation Commission – Discussion

Mr. Materne spoke in regards to Davis Street. They are doing a retaining wall where a pipe goes into the stream. They were digging out the stream. He stopped and they told him that “Dave Perry and Mike

Costello said the work was ok.” They also said “there was a young environmental guy there”. Was that you Mr. Roach?

Mr. Roach replied yes.

The commission discussed whether or not this was an exempt activity for a farm. The commission requested Mr. Roach to contact them when ever there is a potential violation in town so they are informed. Mr. Roach stated that both Mr. Costello & Mr. Perry had contacted him.

Meeting Minutes

1. January 7, 2020
2. May 19, 2020

The above-named minutes were tabled until September 15, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

For the Conservation Commission


Robert Materne, Chairman

David Evans, Vice-Chairman