

**CONSERVATION  
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**REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 19, 2019**

**Present:** Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Vice Chairman, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Matt Habershaw, Matthew Kershaw, Office Administrator Stacy L. Vilao, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent

**Absent:** Associate Member Scott Pennoyer, Associate Member Sara Huber.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & MEETINGS**

1. 14 Birchwood Drive – Xavier – RDA

Mr. Jose Xavier was present on behalf of himself.

Mr. Xavier presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the wetland line is accurate.

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes

2. 17 Cross Street – Armstrong – RDA

Mr. Habershaw recused himself.

Mr. Manuel Mello was present on behalf of the applicant.

Mr. Mello presented plans.

Mr. Materne stated that the wetland line is accurate.

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Negative 3 Determination.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

**GENERAL BUISNESS**

1. 119 Ash Street – Request for COC

Mr. Materne stated that most everything has been done according to the plan, there were some changes. All the changes were positive changes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Motion passes.

2. Eagle Scout Project – Discussion

Mr. Max Ritter was present.

Mr. Ritter asked the commission if there were any projects in town that he could work on as an Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Materne asked what the helper status is?

Mr. Ritter stated that he would have 8-10 helpers.

Mr. Materne stated that there are trails on Conservation Commission property that need some work.

Mr. Ritter stated that he would be happy to help.

Mr. Evans asked the commission if they had one property in mind?

Mr. Materne stated that the property behind the Beagle Club.

Mr. Evans stated the Land Trust property on Reynolds Ave needs some help.

Mr. Materne stated to the parent of Mr. Ritter that the project has to be done by Mr. Ritter, not by the parent. Requested that Mr. Ritter contact the office and get Mr. Materne's contact information.

### 3. 208 Winthrop Street – Request for COC

Mr. Materne stated that the as-built plan is accurate.

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Motion passes.

### 4. 18 Birchwood Drive – Retest for COC

Mr. Materne stated that the as-built is accurate.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Prachanronarong seconded the motion. Motion passes.

### 5. 47 Francis Street – Authorization to Proceed

Mr. Ryan DuVally was present.

Mr. Materne stated that the Authorization to Proceed has been denied. The straw waddles are not installed correctly, there are large gaps under them and they are overlapped incorrectly.

Mr. DuVally stated that he needs to be able to access the site with equipment in order to install the straw waddles correctly.

Mr. Choquette stated that the culvert and haybales need to be in place at the stream crossing first.

Mr. Materne asked that commission how they wanted to handle minimizing siltation during the process of the stream crossing.

Mr. Choquette stated that haybales and crushed gravel need to be put in place.

Mr. Materne stated to Mr. DuVally that if he calls the office the commission can meet him in the field.

### 6. Eastwood Estates II – Replication Area – Discussion

The commission was given a revised replication area plan.

Mr. Nicholson stated that the replication area looks correct on the revised plans.

Mr. Materne stated that once the area is all laid out the commission will give a full Authorization to Proceed.

## **CONCERNS & COMPLAINTS**

### 1. 367 Anawan Street – Violation

Mr. Materne stated that the property owner will need to come into the next meeting being held on April 2, 2019. There are still some issues on the property.

Mr. Nicholson stated that the property has been cleaned out but that water is now up to the wetlands.

Mr. Materne stated that haybales and a berm will need to be installed before the parking lot can be fixed.

Mr. Choquette stated that the berm needs to be installed on the property line.

Mr. Habershaw stated that there needs to be haybales, an organic berm, and then the area needs to be seeded.

Mr. Evans stated that the property owners needs to be given guidance on site.

## **GENERAL BUISNESS**

### **7. Alternative Siltation Control - Discussion**

Mr. Roach spoke in regards to a company that was found when he attended the MACC conference. The company is called Filtrexx. He gave the breakdown of what types of silt socks were offered by the company and pricing he researched on the company website, to the commission.

Mr. Habershaw stated that the Town of Seekonk and the City of Attleboro now require the inorganic type of waddles. From his experience they are very difficult to install. You need a machine in order to install them correctly.

Mr. Materne stated that the inorganic waddles are good for 3 years.

Mr. Habershaw stated that he felt the commission should do more research on them.

Mr. Choquette stated that these types of waddles are not for the average person to install.

Mr. Habershaw stated that Mr. Roach should contact the Town of Seekonk and the City of Attleboro to find out what type of issues they may have encountered with them.

## **INVOICES**

### **1. W. B. Mason - \$26.72 – Name Plate & Office Supplies**

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

Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Motion passes.

## **MINUTES**

### **1. February 26, 2019**

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

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

### **2. March 5, 2019**

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

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

## **GENERAL BUISNESS**

### **8. By-law - Discussion**

The commission discussed changes that should be made to the drafted by-laws by Ms. Huber.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

  
Robert Materne, Chairman

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David Evans, Vice-Chairman