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Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2020

Present: Robert Materne, Chairman, Dave Evans, Matt Habershaw, Thomas Nicholson, Krisna Prachanronarong, Stephen Choquette, Matt Kershaw, Daniel Roach Conservation Agent.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Materne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Hearings

1. 57 Pine Street – Paiva – NOI – SE60- 1181

Mr. Materne explained the project. The wetland line has been verified and is accurate.

Mr. Carlos Orellana of 59 Pine Street called into the meeting.

Mr. Orellana stated his concerns regarding work being done near the cart path and trees that are marked. Trees are being taken down.

Mr. Materne stated that if the work is outside of a resource area then it should be ok.

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue Order of Conditions.

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

2. 209 Moulton Street – Garangta – NOI – SE60-1183

Mr. Materne explained the project. The wetland line has been verified and is accurate.

Mr. Roach described the plans for the public.

Mr. Materne stated that there is debris in the wetlands. It needs to be removed by hand.

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Evans made a motion to issue Order of Conditions with the condition that debris in wetlands be removed by hand.

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

General Business

1. 217 Anawan Street – Request for COC

Mr. Roach stated that everything has been according to the Order of Conditions.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

2. 23 Winthrop Street – Request for COC

Mr. Materne explained the property, the fence is missing. There was a letter received explaining why from Otis Dyer's office.
Mr. Roach stated that it meets all the requirements of the Order of Conditions.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

3. 315 Transmission Line – Request for COC

Mr. Materne explained the property.
Mr. Roach stated that it meets all the requirements of the Order of Conditions.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Habershaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

4. Meeting Schedule

Mr. Materne asked if the commission members agreed with going into the field to do site walks. The commission agreed that going into the field is ok as long as social distancing is practiced.
Mr. Materne asked if there are any large NOI's, did the commission want to send them to an outside consultant at the owner's expense.
The commission agreed to leave it the way it is.
Mr. Materne stated that the next meeting is on May 5th and site walks would be on May 3rd.

5. Agent Update

Mr. Roach spoke in regards to a 61A property from Middlebrook ANR lot 1.
Mr. Evans made a motion not to exercise our right of first refusal.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

Concerns & Complaints

1. 79 Wheeler Street – Concern

Mr. Materne stated that he had mailed a packet of information to DEP but has not heard back from anyone yet. He is going to contact Gary Mckuch at DEP.

2. 97 Salisbury Street – Concern

Mr. Materne gave the history of the property. The commission at the time of the filing of an NOI denied part of the project, was appealed to DEP. Superseding orders were issued. The property owner is clear cutting in the wetlands again. The commission was supposed to receive a 24-hour notice of any work that was going to take place in the wetlands. A Cease & Desist letter has been sent.
Mr. Roach stated that a Cease & Desist letter had been mailed and one was placed in the property owner's mailbox.
Mr. Materne stated that he felt an Enforcement Order should be issued with conditions. He is also going to send this to DEP for their advice. The property owner has been told 3 times to stay out of the wetlands.
Mr. Nicholson stated that he felt that the commission should go out and look at the property first before issuing an Enforcement Order.
The commission discussed the best way to handle the situation.
Mr. Evans made a motion to issue an Enforcement order, with a copy of the meeting minutes.
Mr. Choquette seconded the motion. Roll call vote – all replied aye. Motion passes.

General Business

6. Town Forest – ATV's

Mr. Evans brought it to the attention of the commission that there are ATV's driving through the town forest and doing a lot of damage. He feels the ATV's are coming from the Red Fox Club. This is happening at night time. Asked what we could do as a board?

Mr. Materne stated we could put a gate up.

Mr. Evans stated putting signs up stating no motorized vehicles.

Mr. Materne stated yes, we can put up signs and send a letter.

Mr. Habershaw asked if we are sure that it is them?

Mr. Materne stated we could follow the track back.

Mr. Evans stated that has been done.

Mr. Evans made a motion to send a letter and place signs up on the property.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman