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REHOBOTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020

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

Absent: Krisna Prachanronarong, 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. 83 Winthrop Street – Estano – NOI – SE60-1193

Mr. Materne stated that the commission was just waiting on a DEP#.

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

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

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to issue Order of Conditions with the special condition that the shed be moved 15' closer to the road.

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

2. 47 Danforth Street – Leon – RDA

This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

3. 79 Wheeler Street – Andrade – RDA

Mr. Habershaw spoke in regards to the property.

Mr. Rob Davis of InSite Engineering was present.

Mr. Materne asked if the work can be done within the next two weeks?

Mr. Davis stated absolutely.

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

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

Mr. Materne asked what was happening with the driveway?

Mr. Davis replied that it is going to be a cart path. We are just looking for the appropriate place for the replication area. The owner will be filing an NOI.

Mr. Materne asked when does he plan on filing?

Mr. Davis stated in the next few weeks.

General Business

1. National Grid – Transmission Line – Replication Area/Order of Conditions - Discussion

Mr. Roach explained that the replication area had been shifted out of the easement and onto property they own.

The commission was ok with the change.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to accept the change of the replication area.

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

Mr. Materne stated that the Order of Conditions had been appealed to DEP.

Mr. Roach explained that he had been in contact with National Grid and they are willing to work with the commission. If the commission is willing to amend the orders, they will withdraw their appeal.

Ms. Jessica Wall of Anderson & Kregen was present.

Ms. Wall gave a brief overview.

Mr. Materne stated he went over the changes and had no issues.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to accept the amended Order of Conditions as presented.

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

The commission discussed if this was considered a major or minor change.

The commission agreed this is a minor change.

2. 18 Palmer Meadows Dr. – OOC - Discussion

Mr. Materne stated that signs are needed to mark the riparian zone. We reserve the right to impose additional conditions as stated in the Order of Conditions #35. Have 2 signs in the middle of the riparian zone and 2 signs on the boundary of the riparian zone.

Mr. Habershaw made a motion to require 4 signs as stated.

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

Public Hearings

4. 47 Danforth Street – Leon - RDA

Mr. Evans gave a description of the property. Recommended issuing a Negative 3 Determination.

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

Mr. Evans seconded the motion. Roll call vote-all replied aye. Motion passes.

General Business

3. 28 Smith Street – Conservation Restriction

Mr. Habershaw recused himself.

Mr. Roach explained the Conservation Restriction.

Mr. Materne stated that the owners of any sold lots will have to sign something stating they allow people on their property.

Mr. Roach explained the Conservation Restriction on a map.

Mr. Materne asked if the right of way will be marked out?

Mr. Roach replied yes.

Mr. Materne asked who holds the Conservation Restriction?

Mr. Roach stated the Town of Rehoboth.

Mr. Evans stated that there is usually a base line document done. Has it been done?

Mr. Roach replied yes.

Mr. Evans made a motion to accept the Conservation Restriction for 28 Smith Street.

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

4. Middlebrook – Pleasant Street – Conservation Restriction

Mr. Roach explained the Conservation Restriction.

Mr. Habershaw stated that the area is going to be better now than it was in the past. He has an issue with a Conservation Restriction.

Mr. Materne stated that there is nothing the commission can do until everything is finalized.

5. Agent Update

Mr. Roach explained that he has issued Authorizations to Proceed on the following properties.
18 Palmer Meadow Drive, 21 Great Cedar Swamp Road, and 77 Brook Street.

6. Outstanding Conservation Restrictions

Mr. Materne stated that there are 2 outstanding Conservation Restrictions. The Walt Munroe property, which has been held up in court, and Danforth Street, the Pembralls.

Mr. Roach stated that the Conservation Restriction for Danforth Street is being worked on.

Concerns & Complaints

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

Mr. Roach stated that no work has been done.

Mr. Materne stated that the commission needs to move forward with this concern once COVID is over.

2. 72 Martin Street – Concern

Mr. Materne stated they need to file an NOI. DEP never got back to him.

The commission agreed to go out to the property once they have permission from the property owner to enter the property.

3. 97 Salisbury Street – Concern

Mr. Materne asked where they were notified to file an NOI?

Mr. Roach stated he would check.

Mr. Materne stated if they were not notified, they need to be.

4. 94 Salisbury Street – Concern

Mr. Materne stated that they have filed an NOI. This item can come over the concerns and complaints list.

Meeting Minutes

1. July 6, 2010

2. July 20, 2010

3. August 17, 2010

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

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

4. May 5, 2020

Mr. Materne went over edits.

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

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

General Business

7. Scheduling

Mr. Materne stated that there is a possibility that there will be no meeting next Tuesday. Friday the 3rd of July is a holiday. Asked if the commission wanted to conduct site walks on a holiday weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman