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Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2020

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

General Business

1. 180 Pleasant Street – Change of Use/Coming Out of Chapter

Mr. Materne explained the reasons for the change of use.

Mr. Roach explained the potential value of the property.

Mr. Evans made a motion to not exercise the right of first refusal.

Roll call vote: all replied aye. Motion passes

2. DuVally – Off Pine Street – Request for Extension – SE60-1071

Mr. Materne asked the commission if they had any issues with granting an extension?

Mr. Roach explained what the applicant was planning for the property.

Mr. Evans made a motion to grant an extension.

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

3. Agent Update

Mr. Roach stated that Mr. Mark Mariano had some questions for the commission.

Mr. Mark Mariano of Oakhill Engineering was present.

Mr. Mariano presented plans of a Notice of Intent that has been filed with the commission on Salisbury Street. Gave the background of the property.

Mr. Materne stated that the public hearing had not been opened yet.

Mr. Mariano asked if the commission would allow work to start prior to the public hearing being opened?

Mr. Materne stated no. For a couple reasons. It's a public hearing, by allowing you to start, this would deny any abutters the right to have an issue with what you are doing. Explained the reasons for the issue on this property. By allowing you to start work we are saying that the Open Meeting law doesn't apply to you.

Mr. Nicholson stated that we need to follow the law.

Ms. Huber stated if we make an exception, we set a president.

The commission discussed with Mr. Mariano, what Mr. Mariano felt, was an issue with the amount of time an item had to be quarantined because of the COVID-19.

The commission agreed that the project would not go forward. The public hearing must be help first.

Mr. Mark Mariano discussed a potential project on Homestead Ave. The project is proposed outside of the buffer zones. He wanted to know if it was ok to only flag the parts of the wetlands that may affect the project?

The commission agreed that all wetlands should be shown on the plan. The wetlands that may affect the project should be highlighted so they can be verified in the field. The plan also should show the limit of work. The mean annual high-water mark needs to be accurate.

Mr. Mariano spoke about a culvert on the property that is small and in poor condition. He wanted to know if there would be a need for replication in order to build the culvert bigger?

The commission discussed the fact that this is something that needs to be decided at a public hearing.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes were tabled to a future meeting.

General Business

1. Scheduling

Mr. Evans stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 7th. We would not schedule site walk for the Sunday previous because of the holiday weekend.

Mr. Materne stated that we have that option.

Mr. Evans stated that if anything needs to be reviewed, he would be happy to go out and look at it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Choquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

For the Conservation Commission

Robert Materne, Chairman



David Evans, Vice-Chairman