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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2016

This meeting was postponed until tonight because of inclement weather on February 8, 2016.

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: George Reich, Acting Chairman, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

7:00 PM Request for Determination 601 Main St, LLC (Willow Brook Estates)

Present: Heather Comee, Wetlands Consultants, Inc. & Anthony Carnavale, applicant

This hearing was continued until tonight because of inclement weather on February 8, 2016.

The applicant is proposing to develop a cul-de-sac including a detention basin. The proposed basin is within 100' of an isolated wetland and is westerly of the proposed street. Members of the Conservation Commission met with Pete Levesque from WCI on-site on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

Because this is an off-site isolated wetland it is only jurisdictional under the Wilbraham Wetland By-law. At the closest point the work is 50' +/- from the IVW. Work is set to begin this spring.

Motion: Paul Ekness, close the public hearing and issue a Determination of Positive 2A, Positive 6 and a Negative 4

2nd: Tom Reavey

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

7:10 PM Notice of Intent Bruer Pond (Wilbraham DPW)

Present: Tonya Basch, Wilbraham Assistant DPW Director

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As the effort continues to improve Bruer Pond, this portion of the project includes the dredging component for removing sediment. The project also includes stabilizing an eroding bank and temporary access for equipment. All the necessary documents have been filed with the Army Corps of Engineers, Mass Natural Heritage and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mrs. Basch indicated that the sediment that is removed from the pond will go to cap the Town landfill. The work will occur during the driest time period possible. If there is water in the pond, the contractor will create a trench to divert the water while they are working.

The Conservation Commission has not received a response from Mass. Natural Heritage or the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed project therefor cannot close the hearing.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, continue the hearing until March 28, 2016 @ 7:05 PM

2nd: Tom Reavey

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Contract Amendment Ferrindino Farms (maple syrup)

The contract that was endorsed by the Selectmen had the incorrect address associated with the language so an amendment to the contract was voted on and approved. The applicant has also decided to wait until 2017 to begin the maple syrup harvesting.

Motion: Jim Roberts, change the date of start to January 1, 2017 and amend the address to 1004V Main Street

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Discussion Wildlife Management Grant Twelve Mile Brook

The work continues on the site with loads of trees getting harvested. It has been an unusually mild winter so the ground isn't completely frozen at this time. There is rain in the forecast this week so the contractors will be putting the project on hold. Estimated time to completion is two additional weeks depending on weather. Carmine Angeloni amended the Forest Cutting Plan to include an additional stream crossing.

- The bid documents were sent to potential contractors for the Forest Management Plan on the east portion of Twelve Mile Brook. Bids are due on March 28, 2016.

Discussion Oakland Street Parcel CPA Project

An application was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for the parcel known as Lantern Lane for a forest management project. The Conservation Commission representative Sto Smead, indicated that the project was denied because the parcel was not purchased with CPA funds, therefore not eligible for funding through Community Preservation.

However, because the project is an important component of forest management on Conservation land, the Commission agreed to allow Carmine to continue to mark the property in anticipation of filing a Forest Cutting Plan.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, authorize Carmine Angeloni to move forward with work at the Oakland Street parcel

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Certificate of Compliance 967 Main Street

Several Commission members went to the site on Saturday, February 6, 2016, to confirm compliance to an issued Order of Conditions from 1985. The site appeared to be in compliance at the time of inspection.

Motion: Stoughton Smead

2nd: Paul Ekness

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Forest Cutting Plan 288 Main Street

The property owner hired contractor Tetreault & Son Forest Management to harvest logs off her property. In 2014, the Conservation Commission agreed that the proposed alternate log landing and access road off the town-owned property on Pease Street would be advantageous instead of crossing a significant wetland on the job site. Mr. Tetreault indicated that it would be some time before the project was scheduled to begin and he would notify them prior to moving the equipment on-site and sign a land-use agreement with the Town. The job is now ready to commence and submitted an agreement to the Commission. A hold-harmless and revocable clause should be added to the contract.

Minutes: January 25, 2016

Motion: Jim Roberts, accept minutes as discussed and amended

2nd: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously in favor: Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts, Paul Ekness, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

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