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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2016

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

Members present: George Reich; acting Chairman, Tom Reavey, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and Paul Ekness

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

7:05 PM Request for Determination of Applicability (continued from May 23, 2016)

11A McIntosh Drive

Present: Dena Grochmal, TOW Engineering Assistant

Several members of the Commission went to the site on May 22, 2016 to confirm locations of the project and proximity to the stream. As part of a state grant project, the Town of Wilbraham is proposing to place an industrial gas generated generator on a cement pad to power the water pump station in an emergency. The generator will be placed on a 4' x 10' cement pad approximately 4' deep on McIntosh Drive and is within 100' of the stream. There will be minimal excavation to pour the pad and the duration of work will be minimal as well. The site plan submitted did not show enough detail as far as placement of erosion control. Ms. Grochmal submitted a revised plan at this meeting showing erosion control placement and further details on the new cement pad. They propose using straw waddles for this project.

Motion: Paul Ekness, close the public meeting and issue a Negative #3 and Positive #5 Determination

2nd: Robert McMaster

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

7:10 PM Request for Determination of Applicability

Wilbraham & Monson Academy – 39 Faculty Street

Present: Pete Levesque, Wetland Consultants, Inc and Chris Reed, Director of Facilities

Several members of the Conservation Commission met with Pete Levesque at 39 Faculty Street to walk the site and confirm locations indicated as wetlands on the submitted site plan. The site contains two Isolated Vegetated Wetlands and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The property is located behind the tennis courts and is approximately 6 acres. The site does not fall within Massachusetts Natural Heritage Program or Floodplain. There are no projects proposed on this site at this time.

Motion: Tom Reavey, close the public meeting and issue a Positive #2A and a Positive 5 Determination

2nd: Stoughton Smead

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

Discussion Mt. Marcy Land Acquisition

Present: Lawrence Lloyd, Delta Capitol Group and Gerald Gagliarducci, land owner

At the annual town meeting, residents voted to purchase the property known as Mt. Marcy from Mr. Gagliarducci utilizing CPA funding and a land grant through the state. The property consists of 47+- acres and is known as the highest peak in Wilbraham. It has existing trails already but the current owner, Mr. Gagliarducci proposes to carve out one building lot, create a parking area and improve the trail system. The grant application requires approval from all Wilbraham Conservation Commission members. Wilbraham Town Planner, John Pearsall will be the contact for the grant application process. The application also requires approval from the Chief Executive Officer.

Motion: Paul Ekness, have Commission members sign the application for the Mt. Marcy Land Acquisition grant.

2nd: Tom Reavey

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

Discussion 108 Crane Hill Road

Present: Mike and Herta Dane, owners

The owners of the property recently received approval of their plans to redevelop the site including septic system, house, garage and landscaping. They were concerned about the Special Conditions that were in force in perpetuity including 24, 35, 38 and 39. After discussion, the Commission agreed to remove the “perpetuity status” on conditions 24, 35 and 38 and remove 39 altogether.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, remove Special Condition 39 and remove the “perpetuity” from #24, 35 and 38.

2nd: Paul Ekness

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

Minutes May 9, 2016

Motion: Stoughton Smead, accept the minutes as written

2nd: Paul Ekness

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

Minutes May 23, 2016

Motion, Stoughton Smead, accept minutes as written

2nd: Paul Ekness

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

Discussion Twelve Mile Brook – EAST

There are still tasks that need to be completed on this project including the parking area, log landing on private property and leveling the logging road on private property. Melissa Graves, the Land Management Coordinator, has been in touch with Rocky Mountain and they indicated that the tasks would be complete within the next 2 weeks.

Discussion Twelve Mile Brook – WEST

A site walk is scheduled for potential bidders on Thursday, June 9th at 12:30 PM. All the necessary easements and right of entry forms have been signed and is part of the bid package.

Discussion Oakland Street Forest Management Project

On May 31st, several members of the Commission went for a hike thru this parcel to observe the proposed forest cutting plan. A site walk is scheduled for potential bidders on Thursday, June 9th at 10:00 AM.

Discussion 2016 Deer Hunting Season on Town-owned property

There are no changes to the approved properties or regulations regarding deer hunting on town property in 2016. Bow hunting only is allowed on 7 Town-owned parcels and a permission slip from the Town Clerks office is mandatory. All Fish and Game regulations apply as well as the Wilbraham By-Law Section 600 – Discharging of Firearms.

Motion: Paul Ekness, approve the 2016 Deer Hunting season on 7 Town-owned parcels
2nd: Robert McMaster

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

At the end of the meeting, Conservation Commissioner Paul Ekness announced that he has accepted a position in Montana and this would be his last meeting. The Commission members thanked him for his wealth of knowledge and being a part of the group. They wished him good luck with his next adventure.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

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