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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2021

Members present via GoToMeeting #714430605 and being recorded: Christopher Brown; Chairman, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

7:00 PM Request for Determination of Applicability MassDOT

Present: Robert Natarrio – MassDot

This Request is for the removal of vegetation along portions of the Massachusetts Turnpike. There wouldn't be any new ground disturbance and all work will be within previously disturbed areas. Portions of the work proposed will occur within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Bank. Erosion controls will be used as needed.

Motion: Jim Roberts, issue a Negative #5 Determination citing exemption 310CMR 10.02.2(b)

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, Site Plan – Vegetation Clearing Along I-90 Right of Way – Wilbraham pages 1 & 2, and USGS Site Location Map

7:18 PM Request for Determination of Applicability 14 Brookmont Drive

Present: Mike Pietras, P.E. & Kurt Zimmerman (Owner)

This Request is for the construction of a new 36' x 40' garage on previously disturbed land. There is currently a tennis court at the site and it will be replaced by this structure and a parking area. All proposed work will be a minimum of 50' from any resource area. An identified intermittent brook will be approximately 140' from the new structure. The new foundation will be approximately 20' from where the site starts to slope downward towards resource area. Silt fence will be installed at the 50' buffer before any work begins.

The site plan submitted was not clear enough to see where exactly the building would be located on the property or where the erosion controls were going to be placed. The Commission requested a more detailed plan to be submitted.

Motion: Jim Roberts, continue the public meeting until May 24, 2021 at 7:10 PM pending receipt of updated site plan

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Chris Brown and Alice Colman

Recused: Stoughton Smead

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, USGS Site Map, Orthophoto, GIS Image with project overlay sketch

7:44 PM Request for Determination of Applicability 733 Main Street

Present: Roger Chapdelaine

This Request is for the construction of a new single family home, grading and on-site septic system. The parcel is over 8 acres with approximately 23,460 sq. ft. of area for a home. The remaining portion of the site is primarily wetlands. The site plan submitted shows the home and septic system being a minimum of 50' from a wetland. Erosion controls are proposed to be in placed at the 50' buffer zone. A Notice of Intent is typically used to file with the Commission for the construction of a new home within the 100' buffer to wetlands. The submitted large plan doesn't show existing elevations or the proposed grading. The plan also doesn't show erosion control or limit of work even though it was discussed during this meeting. The smaller plan shows all details of elevation, erosion control and silt fence. It wasn't clear why the two plans didn't match.

Motion: Alice Colman, close the public meeting and issue a Positive #1 requiring a Notice of Intent for this project and a Positive #4

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, Site Plan - 733 Main Street dated March 17, 2021 & Site Plan – Chapdelaine, Parcel C Main St dated March 13, 2021

8:16 PM Notice of Intent

644V Tinkham Road (cont'd from March 8 & 22, April 12, 2021, April 26)

Present: John Masuck – R. Levesque Associates

This hearing has been continued several times pending response from Mass Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. The MESA review and information provided to the Commission concluded that with the changes made to the plan as discussed in previous meetings, the project will not result in a prohibited "take" of state-listed rare species. The conclusion was also that it would not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat.

The revised site plan showed the house raised and new rain gardens were included.

Motion: Alice Colman, close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions, Letter from NHESP dated April 28, 2021 & latest revised site plan dated April 20, 2021

8:39 PM Notice of Intent
650V Tinkham Road (continued from March 8 & 22, April 12, 2021, April 26)
Present: John Masuck – R. Levesque Associates
This hearing has been continued several times pending response from Mass Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. The MESA review and information provided to the Commission concluded that with the changes made to the plan as discussed in previous meetings, the project will not result in a prohibited “take” of state-listed rare species. The conclusion was also that it would not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat.
Motion: Alice Colman, close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days
2nd: Robert McMaster
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions, Letter from NHESP dated April 28, 2021 & latest revised site plan dated April 20, 2021

8:42 PM Notice of Intent 555V Ridge Road (cont'd from March 8 & 22, April 12, 2021, April 26)
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending further review from Wilbraham Engineering.
Motion: Stoughton Smead, Continue the public hearing until June 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM
2nd: Alice Colman
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Other Business

Minutes: March 22, 2021

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve the minutes as amended

2nd: Alice Colman

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

Order of Conditions 65V Lake Drive

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve the Order of Conditions as amended

2nd: Alice Colman

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Order of Conditions 42V Red Bridge Road

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve the Order of Conditions as amended

2nd: Alice Colman

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Certificate of Compliance 843 Glendale Road

This matter was tabled pending further information

Tree Removal Request 30 Decorie Drive

The resident is requesting to remove a willow tree from the property that is posing a safety issue. After observing the tree, it was determined to be a hazard to property and residents.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve the removal of the tree

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Tree Removal Request 6 Decorie Drive

The resident is requesting to remove 6 trees from the property that is posing a safety issue. After observing the tree, it was determined to be a hazard to property and residents.

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve the removal of the tree

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

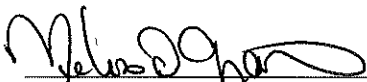
Tree Removal Request 24 Shady Ln

The resident is requesting the Town remove a tree on adjacent land that is owned by the Town. This particular site was obtained via a donation several years ago. It has a lot of tree damage from recent storms. It will be a site to look at for a complete management project.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 8/23/2021



Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 8/23/21