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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2021

Members present: Christopher Brown, Chairman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman
Commission Member Stoughton Smead taking minutes

Visitors Present: John Masuck of R. Levecque Assoc, Maria Firstenberg of TRC Environmental, Andre Chabot of AMP Solar

7:05 PM Notice of Intent 2110, 2118, 2118V, 2124 Boston Road

Chris opens meeting reading legal notice of 2110 Boston Rd Demers Realty LLC.

John Masuck explains there are three buildings on this site, one to be demolished. Large portion of wooded property at rear north side abuts the railroad. Drainage is thought to be on east side of the BVW which is a large swamp overgrown by phragmites. Fletcher Sewer & Drain has been retained to scope the details of this drain next week, trying to determine where the drain begins, is routed and where it empties. The Applicant Requested to continue the hearing until the Aug 23rd ConCom meeting.

Bill offers motion to continue the public hearing until August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Alice seconds, all voted in favor.

7:15 Request for Extension of Orders of Conditions 285 Three Rivers Road

Visitors regarding Three Rivers Rd Solar project explain 2018 original three year term of ConCom Orders are expiring soon and they requested an additional three year extension. Maria explains they have received extension on all other permits for the project. They are working with DPW to develop an access driveway to the site. Chris mentions the wetland replication area must contact the existing wetland and he is very interested to review the land clearing sequence and erosion control measures before the project starts. He asks have they selected an environmental monitor for the project. Past experiences on projects of this nature have proven to be challenging for the Commission. Chris asks about the grading of this site, surface flow direction and he insists that erosion control features must be installed before the main forest clearing begins. This is a large, conspicuous project with many neighbors watching as they drive by. Limited cutting will be necessary to build the replication area and all erosion control measures must be in place prior to stump removal, topsoil stabilized with heavy duty surface flow runoff prevention measures in place and functioning before any large volume tree cutting begins. Disturbed ground must be seeded with fast growing rye grass. They hope to start the project in September 2021 and this three year extension is the final issue they need to complete. Chris says he wants to review the wetland replication, site preparation and construction sequence at our next meeting August 23rd to avoid emergencies like the Beebe Rd Solar construction created.

Andre discusses brush that has overgrown site entry will need to be thinned by hand cutting but is necessary to set boundary posts for others entering the site.

Bill offers Motion to extend Orders of Condition for three more years, Alice Seconds, all voted in favor.

Bill offers motion to extend Replication Plan of 7/9/21, C402-C403 for three years, WPA Form 7. Next permit expiration will be Sept 25, 2024 Alice seconds, all vote in favor. Cash bond required by Massachusetts State Law.

8:00 PM Request for Determination Thayer Brook Pedestrian Crossing

Jay Taylor must take Oakland St bridge project to Hampden ConCom. Thayer Brook Bridge is exempt and we can act on it immediately. Bill Motions to close the public hearing on Thayer Brook Crossing bridge. Finding would be +5 & -3 on Town By Law, Alice Seconds, All vote in favor.

555 Ridge Rd wishes to continue hearing to Sept 13, 2021. Bill Motions and Alice Seconds, all vote in favor.

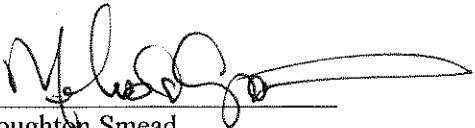
Other Business

- Two Crane Park water is flooding basement issue. Alice visited site and suggested silt fence and hay bales to prevent further flooding. Alice motions to ratify emergency orders of July 21, 2021 that she signed, Bill seconds, all vote in favor.
- 14 Lake Dr, Tree tipped over falling into the pond. Chris suggests that selected contractor contact Melissa when she returns to her office. Bill offers Motion, Alice seconds, to allow owner's appointed contractor to remove the fallen tree.
- A pole of Western Mass electric must be replaced. Bill Motions that Certificate # 3410370 be issued to Eversource, Alice Seconds, All vote in favor of Certificate, 8B.
- Special event at MacDonalDs Preserve on Sept 23, 2021 Alice motions, Bill Seconds, all vote to approve.
- Special Trail Ride event at MacDonalDs Preserve October 17th, Bill offers Motion, Alice Seconds, All voted to approve.
- Sto Motions to approve Melissa's minutes of May, 2021 meeting, all Second and vote to approve her Minutes as written.

Chris adjourns meeting at 8:45PM.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on August 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:


Stoughton Smead

Date: 9/13/2021

Approved As To Form And Content:


Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 9/13/21