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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: July 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Champaign Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA**

7:00 p.m.

The Conservation Commission meeting of July 13, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: Charles Pare, John Rogers, Todd Sullivan, and Todd Weston. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Review/update Agenda

Approval of minutes – May 11, 2016, May 27, 2016, June 8, 2016 and June 22, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Pare, to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016, May 27, 2016, June 8, 2016 and June 22, 2016. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. 131 Bay Colony Road - Enforcement Order – No filing has been received but the engineer is working on the plan. Mr. Rogers asks that Ms. Catrone to draw up a letter to confirm we need a submittal by a certain date. Draft the letter and send to town counsel. The contractor must be mentioned in the letter.
2. 118 Wilsondale Street – The owner would like to build on the lot which he believes is almost all wetlands due to town drainage directed to his property. Mr. Rogers stated that changing the drainage will alter the existing wetlands and that is appears, there is not enough upland on the property to study and mitigation design.
3. Haslam Pond vegetation, dam and outlet – Ms. Catrone states a proposal for vegetation removal has been received. She also spoke to an Eagle Scout about invasive species removal. Mr. Sullivan reminds the Commission of the people from Fox Hill that want to put an upstream crossing. We can ask them for help.
4. 42 Mill Street pond vegetation, dam and outlet – Nothing new.
5. Future East Street widening, bridge replacement, and stormwater system – nothing new

Action Items

1. Minor Modification – 51 Dover Terr. – The owner of the property is requesting a minor modification to include the following:
 - a. Increase height of retaining wall - The wall has been installed and would create more erosion to reinstall.
 - b. Increase the length of the swale as requested by the Conservation Agent
 - c. Install a wood fence (with 6” of clearance at the bottom) instead of a chain link fence.

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Mr. Pare states the swale must be directed to rip rap on the right rear near the retaining wall. Mike Briar, abutter, stresses that he is concerned about the project. He asks if the swale will be permanent. Mr. Rogers states if runoff gets collected behind the wall could fail prematurely. Mr. Pare states the swale must be completed by the end of September.

Mr. Briar states there is a lot of fighting between both parties.

Mr. Rogers stated that is NOT the Conservation Commission's.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, Seconded by Mr. Pare, to approve the minor modifications with the condition the swale is installed by the end of September, 2016. Unanimous.

2. Certificate of Compliance – High Street Cemetery – I recommend approval of the Complete Certificate of Compliance. The contractors did a fantastic job throughout the duration of the project. They were professional and tidy. The completed project looks great. If you haven't seen it, you should take a look.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Weston to issue a Complete Certificate of Compliance. Unanimous.

Hearings

Stormwater Bylaw – 14 Washington Street – Stormwater Report

Plans – Site Plan of 14 Washington Street Westwood, Massachusetts sheets 1 – 4

Mr. Sullivan states if there is high ground water the infiltration system will not work.

Mr. Paris points out refusal and no water encountered at 12 feet in test pit #3. Mr. Bina instructed them to make sure it works or they will need to come up with another plan.

Mr. Weston states the Planning Board issued 9 conditions.

Ms. Catrone states she will check with Mr. Bina and Mr. Paridas to see if there are any outstanding concerns under the stormwater bylaw.

Mr. Paris explains they need to get utilities in before the street is repaved.

Mr. Rogers states if we are confident you have met all of the Stormwater Bylaw requirements we could approve this tonight. Mr. Weston states if the last 5 conditions are met I will be satisfied.

Motion made by Mr. Weston Todd to issue the Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

- 1. All Planning Board conditions are met and Mr. Bina and Mr. Paridas are satisfied.**
- 2. Erosion Control is shown on a revised plan as compost sock.**
- 3. All vehicles must EXIT via the construction apron.**
- 4. Test pit information must be provided prior to construction of infiltration system.**

Seconded by Mr. Pare. Unanimous.

Sign Forms

RDA for Right of Way

427 Washington Street