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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date: July 27, 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 27, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street with the following members present: John Rogers, R. J. Sheer, Todd Sullivan, and Todd Weston. Also present is Karon Skinner Catrone, Conservation Agent.

Review/update Agenda

Approval of minutes – June 8, 2016 and June 22, 2016

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

Review/update Agenda

Proactivities, Education and Information Topics:

- Reminder of WPA, DEP Regulations, Westwood Wetlands and Stormwater Bylaws and Regulations, and Westwood CC Policies (see attached Overview); understand and clarify differences in state and local, including process, and update Westwood's as appropriate-everyone has binders have been recieved.
- Commission members (and our neighbors, friends and acquaintances) are eyes, ears and voices for wetlands protection in Westwood - John went to task force meeting last night. The meeting was run very well. The project will need to come before the Commission under the Stormwater Bylaw. Recognize, supplement and enhance our technical expertise, i.e., wetlands identification/delineation, WPA interests and Resource Areas, flooding, water quality, erosion and sedimentation, administrative mechanics, etc.
- Develop a Conservation Land Management Plan

Discussion Items:

1. 131 Bay Colony Road Enforcement Order – No filing received. Ms. Catrone states she has spoken with the engineer and was told he is working on the plan.
2. Haslam Pond vegetation, dam and outlet – The Commission agrees they would like to see an NOI and a consultant should then review the plan.
3. 42 Mill Street pond vegetation, dam and outlet – Nothing new
4. Future East Street widening, bridge replacement, and stormwater system
5. 185 Stanford Road – Informal discussion with owner – Present is Mr. Paul Longo. Mr. Longo constructed a putting range 10 feet from the wetland line. He states it is constructed of stone dust and synthetic material and is pervious.

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Mr. Rogers explains the Wetland Protection Act and the Westwood Bylaw.

Mr. Longo states the previous owner put on deck. He asks if there was a filing.

Ms. Catrone states the addition and deck was approved under Order of Conditions #338-0363.

The Commission explains to Mr. Longo any future work within 100 feet of the tree line (which is the wetland line) requires a filing with the Commission.

Mr. Longo states he understands and will contact the Commission with any future work.

Action Items

1. 32 Autumn Drive, Lot 20, DEP file #338-0413 and 35 Autumn Drive, Lot 21, DEP file #338-0412 – Extension Permits – Ms. Catrone states the Commission approved the lots on July 7, 2006. They were extended by the Commission to several times and then under the Extension Act, which extended the Orders to July 7, 2015 at which time they were extended by the Commission for one year. The applicant is requesting an additional one year extension.

The request was received on June 12, 2016

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to extend the Orders for one year.

Unanimous.

Hearings

Notice of Intent –DEP #?? - 401 Sandy Valley Road – Jaeger – Present is Mr. Nick Pratt representing Mr. Jaeger, new owner of 401 Sandy Valley Road. The owners would like to change the configuration of the driveway and remove some of the paddock areas. They would like to change the property from a horse farm to a more traditional residential property. The driveway currently leads to the rear of the house and they are proposing the driveway go to what is actually the front of the house, ripping up 6613 feet of the pavement and making it gravel. This will eliminate 6700 feet of impervious pavement. Changes to house as shown on the plan are outside of 100 foot except for the corner of the garage. Native Plantings are proposed along the side of driveway. The lot is 12.78 acres. Compost sock is proposed as erosion control.

Mr. Rogers states he is concerned the gravel will cause erosion problems. He would like to see a swale with check dams along the wetland side of the driveway. If the swale and check dams are not needed a two year time it can put filled or let over grown. The stone should be 2”-2 ½” double washed stone, 2’ to 3’ wide.

The Commission asked Mr. Pratt to ask the applicant what material will be used on the driveway.

Mr. Tom Soltis of 61 Sandy Valley Road is present. He requests that the Commission read Judge Jones comments on the site. There are serious issues here due to runoff from the site. He ask that there is a full engineered plan for the neighbors to review. He speaks about the history of the site.

Ms. MaryAnn Soltis states they were not notified. She states she does not like the plan.

Ms. Catrone states the certified abutters list does not have 61 Sandy Valley Road listed.

Ms. Soltis states the residents of Sandy Valley Road were promised by Ms. Loughnane they would be notified if anything was happening related to this site.

Ms. Catrone apologies if that is the case and states she will check with Ms. Loughnane in the morning.

Mr. Rogers states we will need to know what kind of material will be used for the driveway and a planting plant is required showing how many and what type of native plants will be planted.

Mr. Weston request the Commission be sent a copy of Judge Jones report prior to the site visit.

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Pare to continue the hearing to September 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to allow the applicant to revise the plan, submit a planting plan and the Commission to visit the site on August 31, 2016. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent –DEP #338-625 – 145 Stanford Drive – Toole – Present is Mr. Charles Toole, owner, and Ms. Deb Anderson, Wetland Consultant.

Ms. Anderson states the owners are proposing a 20' x 18', 2 story addition to the rear of their existing single family home. The addition is proposed 55 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland. The plan shows a dry well and planting to include two Red Maples and 4 Highbush Blueberries. The access will be via the driveway.

Mr. Sullivan would like to see a construction exit.

Mr. Pare suggests fabric be installed under the stone exit.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston to issue an Order of Conditions with the conditions a stone exit and compost socks be installed, the infiltration system be moved to the lower side of the lot and a revised plan be submitted to the Commission prior to issuance of the Order. Unanimous.

RDA – 47 Dover Road – Hall – Present is Ms. Kirky Hall, owner of 47 Dover Road. Ms. Hall is requesting a negative determination to do some landscaping and replace a rotted timber retaining wall. She states the land is shifting and eroding. The same amount of wall upper but pushed out and shaped. Plantings will also be added. The side of the property will be leveled and patio as shown on the plan

Motion made by Mr. Weston, seconded by Mr. Sullivan to issue a negative determination #3. Unanimous.

RDA - 88 School Street – Parmelee – Ms. Catrone states the prior owners of 88 School Street were before the Commission last year for a violation. At that time the Commission required plantings in the rear of the property. The new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee were not aware of the violation or the required plantings. The new owners would live to level the rear yard.

Present is Mr. Paul Cernan requesting a negative determination to change level the rear yard and add plantings along the rear lot line.

The Commission suggests a post and rail fence.

Ms. Catrone states there is a swale on the side of property that should be maintained.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Weston, to revise the plan showing the fence, plantings (2 trees 2 ½" DBH and 2" to 2 ½ " double wash stone added to the swale. A revised plan must be submitted. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Pare, seconded by Mr. Weston, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.