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WEYMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, August 29th, 2023
McCulloch Building 182 Green Street
Mary McElroy Room
7:00 P.M.

Present: Al Donovan, Acting Chair, Commissioner and Vice Chairman
George Loring, Commissioner
Frank Singleton, Commissioner

Also Present: Andrew Hultin, Conservation Administrator
Michael Perrin, Assistant Conservation Administrator
Ann Flynn Dickinson, Recording Secretary

Not Present: John Reilly, Chairman
Scott Dowd, Commissioner & Clerk

Vice Chair Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes –July 25, 2023

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to accept the minutes as written.

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

2. 73 Regatta Road – Notice of Intent, Public Hearing – (Previously continued)

Julie Hackett

DEP File #81-1304

Map 2, Block 12, Lot 15

Reconstruction of retaining wall

Shawn Hardy with Hardy & Mann Design Group presented on behalf of the applicant.

The NOI was submitted in April, but continued to allow for revisions to the plan. Shawn explained that the revised plan includes conducting work from the backyard and proposes less digging into the coastal bank, minimizing impacts to resource areas.

With no comments from the Public,

Mr. Hultin recommended issuance of an Order of Conditions with conditions addressing, Stockpiling, erosion control as silt sock with wire back fence, and replanting to mitigate any impacts. any impacts to the slope need to be mitigated through planting

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to Close the Public Hearing

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

David Hall with the Hanover Company, John Zimmer, Professional Wetlands Scientist with Epsilon Associates, and Dave Crocker, Crocker Design Group presented to the Commission.

Mr. Hultin gave a summary of the background. On a visit back in April, a wetland complex seemed to be completely dry. The wetland typically had standing water. Staff have returned 4-5 times and made observations of saturation around the 3 ft below the surface.

The staff recommends continuing monitoring efforts until at spring to observe water levels.

Dave Crocker gave an in-depth update as to where the construction is at this time.

The Commission agreed with continuing monitoring. Mr. Luongo, Planning Department, suggested the applicant provide monthly reports be to the Commission.

All parties agreed and will coordinate frequency and reporting of monitoring.

6. Wessagussett Walk – Request for Extension to Order of Conditions, Public Hearing

Robert Luongo

DEP File #81-1213

Map 4, Block 21, Lot 3 & Map 2, Block 12, Lot 10

Construction of revetment and boardwalk

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to Open the Public Hearing.

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Mr. Luongo requested an extension of the Order of Condition for three years. He updated the Commission on the progress of the project and explained that more time was needed for grants and revisions to plans. He also stated that there will be a FEMA grant coming through for the embankment for \$4.9 million.

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to Close the Public Hearing

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to extend the Order of Conditions for three years.

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

7. 21 Lakecrest Path – Request for Final Certificate of Compliance

Gregory Willoughby

DEP 34, Block 437, Lot 6 & 7

Construction of single-family home

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

10. 16 Arlington Street – Request for Determination of Applicability, Public Hearing

Gary Smyth

Map 12, Block 145, Lot 3

Install above-ground pool

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to Open the Public Hearing

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Mr. Smyth presented to the commission. He submitted an RDA for a 21ft. above ground pool roughly 35ft from the wetland. The filter will be a cartridge system instead of DE system. The pool will be on existing lawn, and there is an existing healthy buffer to the saltmarsh. No material will be stockpiled during the construction.

With no comments from the Public,

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to Close the Public Hearing

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Mr. Hultin recommended issuing a Negative 2 Determination for a project within a resource area (flood zone) that will not impact wetlands with the following conditions:

- erosion controls
- stockpiling of material
- standard pool conditions for annual discharge.

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. to issue a Negative 2 Determination, with standard pool conditions, and all special conditions mentioned.

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

11. 473 Middle Street – Request for Determination of Applicability, Public Hearing

Richard & Patti Andrews

Map 26, Block 336, Lot 1

Installation of shed on existing lawn

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to Open the Public Hearing

Paul Mullen, 401 Neck Street, asked how long the project would take. The applicants answered that the bypass would go in as soon as possible, and the bypass should be removed within 2 months.

Mr. Hultin recommended issuing a Negative 2 Determination because the pipe is going across wetland resource areas. Disturbance will be minimal and the impacts do not appear substantial. He recommends the following conditions:

- Daily monitoring of the bypass pipe
- limit vegetation disturbance

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to issue the Negative 2 Determination with the special conditions mentioned.

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

13. 523 Front Street – Notice of Intent, Public Hearing

Thomas Swanton

DEP File #Pending

Map 29, Block 373, Lot 6

Construction of detached garage and stormwater infiltration

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Donovan to Open the Public Hearing

3-0 Unanimous rollcall vote

Shawn Hardy from Hardy & Mann Design Group presented to the Commission.

Mr. Hardy explained that the project proposes a 12 x 24ft garage on the site. They would like to minimally reconfigure the driveway to provide access over to it. He went into detail on the drainage on the property and explained that the roof runoff will be directed into underground cultec system. The garage would be constructed within the 50ft buffer. A stacked block wall is also proposed.

Mr. Hultin explained that the small garage may disturb a few trees and shrubs in the area. The grade slopes down behind the garage. Staff observed debris and trash out along the slope and recommend removal of debris as part of the application as a special condition.

Staff recommended issuing a Standard Order of Conditions with special conditions.

16. CPC Update

Cmmr. Loring reported that there was no meeting, so there was no update.

17. Herring Run Update

Cmmr. Loring reported that the river is running great and the juveniles are heading out.

18. Conservation Report

New Construction

- No new construction projects

Ongoing Construction (Partial list)

- 1325 Washington Street – Attorney Generals Letter outlining potential issues with turbid discharge
- 363 & 371 Neck Street – applicants will be combining erosion controls

Compliance and Enforcement and Complaints

- Nothing that isn't on the Agenda

Other Projects

- Whitman's Pond Vegetation Management – 70-hour DASH pilot project complete. 0.7 acres of the pond was cleared, with roughly 22.55 cubic yard of material removed. Suggestions for future work include a long-term DASH project, a hybrid harvester then DASH project, or herbicide then DASH project. Staff will continue to update the Commission.
- SNUP – DER working on a bid package for the removal project. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting with a letter of support that the Commission can sign.
- Eagle Scout (Colin Ricci) --Boy Scouts helped to clear trees from the trails at Bradford Torrey after the tornado. QR codes up this week.

Utilities

- NA

Planning Department Reviews

- NA

Other

- North Atlantic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) Culvert Assessment Training – Staff completed a two-part training for a certificate to assess stream crossings. The purpose of the program is to identify crossings that impede the movement of aquatic life and to prioritize projects.

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Next Meeting

- September 26, 2023. New filings may include:
 - Jackson Square Redevelopment
 - 60 David's Island RDA

19. Adjourn

A Motion was made by Cmmr. Loring and seconded by Cmmr. Singleton to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

20. Next regularly scheduled meeting – Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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Scott Dowd, Clerk

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann Flynn Dickinson
Recording Secretary