

**MINUTES OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF
JUNE 12, 2013**

Present: Steve DeGabriele, Chairman
George Loring, Commissioner
Tom Tanner, Commissioner
Anthony Merlino, Commissioner
Scott Dowd, Commissioner Clerk

Also Present: Mary Ellen Schloss, Administrator
Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

Commissioner DeGabriele called the June 12, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the McCulloch Building, 182 Green Street, Weymouth, Ma.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES – There are no minutes to approve.

1294 Washington Street – Notice of Intent – Continued Hearing

DEP File #81-1116

Steve Zeboski

Two new 2-family residences, parking, utilities, drainage

Mary Ellen Schloss stated that Cmmr. Merlino cannot vote on this matter this evening. Cmmr. Dowd has to listen to the last meeting but will be able to participate this evening as long as they do not vote.

At the May 29th hearing, the applicant distributed a revised plan and stormwater management report dated May 28, 2013. The Commission continued the hearing to June 12 in order to have time to review the package and to get additional comments from the DPW Engineering Division.

Shawn Hardy stated that he has made some changes to the plans since the last meeting. He reviewed with the committee the comments from Jay Donovan, Principal Engineer from the DPW.

The applicant proposes to use a “Grate Inlet Skimmer Box”. Mr. Hardy stated that he used a 73.3% TSS (total suspended solids) removal rate of solids. There were three different removal rates from consultants 73.3, 84 and 91 and he chose the lowest just to be safe. He handed out a two page document showing how he estimated the percentages. In order to meet the minimum requirement of 44% TSS this means he would only need an additional 25% so he is very comfortable with this requirement.

Cmmr. DeGabriele asked who will perform the maintenance of the system? Mr. Hardy said that there are only two skimmer boxes and Mr. Zeboski will be maintaining them himself. It is a simple procedure that he can do alone.

Cmmr. DeGabriele asked what happens if the system is not maintained. Mr. Hardy said that sediments would get into the infiltration system and a huge puddle would form to let you know there is a problem.

Cmmr. Tanner asked where they would be keeping track of it and it was stated that Mr. Zeboski would be keeping track of it himself. If the committee would like to follow up with him they can. He also owns and maintains other properties and has a maintenance department.

Cmmr. Loring asked if he would be cutting down any trees. It was stated that 6 trees in the back are scheduled to be removed and a few in the front.

Mary Ellen Schloss asked how the snow removal will be handled. It will be plowed and they will not be using any salt or sand.

The public was given the opportunity to speak. There was no comment.

Cmmr. Loring made a motion to close the public hearing on 1294 Washington Street, DEP File #81-1116 at 7:25 pm and was seconded by Cmmr. Tanner.

VOTED 3-0

Cmmr. DeGabriele said his only concern is the maintenance. It was decided by all members and the applicant that Steve Zeboski will inspect the system every 2 months during the first year, taking photos, recording sediment depths and cleaning/maintenance as needed. After the first year, the Commission will determine if a quarterly inspection schedule is sufficient.

The Order of Conditions will include:

- “If there is a change in ownership the new owner will assume all the maintenance”
- Minimize salting
- Work with the DPW on the inspection of the bottom of the infiltration system prior to backfill
- Removal of debris in the buffer zone
- Trees proposed for removal should be marked in the field for review during the pre-construction walk-through.
- Refer to DEP General Condition #19 as an ongoing condition.
- Request for Certificate of Compliance should include as-built plan with final grades, details of drainage system including invert elevations, rip-rap, pipes, wetland line, impervious surfaces, etc. Certificate of Compliance should be accompanied by the Operation and Maintenance Compliance Statement, as per Condition #19.
- If the lots are sold in the future, drainage and utility easements will be needed for access.

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to approve the Order of Conditions as set forth this evening for 1294 Washington Street, DEP File #81-1116 and was seconded by Cmmr. Loring.

VOTED 3-0

CPC REPORT

Cmmr. Loring stated that there was an update on the refurbishing of the Abigail Adams gravestones.

Weymouth Salvage – Continued Violation Hearing 307 Middle Street

This is a continued violation hearing for the erosion control issues and sediment discharge into the adjacent tributary that has occurred at the salvage yard during the recent cleanup.

Mr. Eacobacci stated that they installed new erosion controls drains, dug depressions and planted the grass seed, put the rip-rap down and dug a trench on the top of the slope and put some more rip-rap there too. They seeded the hill and all around it. He noticed after the heavy rains this week that the depressions have water in them and they need to be larger.

Mary Ellen Schloss stated that anything over a 3-1 slope needs an erosion control blanket on it and tacked down or hay because the soil will move. The stone has been washed away and the filter fabric is showing. The stone size is not large enough. They put down 3-5” stone and it really needs to be about 8” stones. Also, the depression should be extended to the left of the outlet swale. They will need additional loam and seed as the torrential downpours have washed it away. She also noticed a wood pile at the end that will cave in when the wood decays. This will not be stable and the debris should be raked away.

Cmmr. Tanner asked if they could get the larger stones in before the storm comes and he stated that he would contact JF Price first thing and see if they will deliver it.

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to continue this hearing to the first meeting in July and was seconded by Cmmr. Dowd.

VOTED 4-0 (Merlino-abstained)

The commission stated that Weymouth Salvage has done a great job so far getting all these things done.

Weathervane Golf Course Development – Violation Hearing Weathervane Drive DEP File #s 81-756, 81-963 Bristol Brothers

Mary Ellen Schloss stated that the property owners were not able to attend this evening. The revised Order of Conditions was just sent out and she asked that everyone send their comments to her by next Wednesday so the commission can vote on June 26th to issue the final Enforcement Order.

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to continue this hearing to June 26, 2013 and was seconded by Cmmr. Loring.

VOTED 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS

- Annual Elections – Board Organization

Cmmr. Loring nominated Steve DeGabriele as Chairman and was seconded by Cmmr. Tanner.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Loring made a motion to approve Steve DeGabriele as Chairman and was seconded by Cmmr. Tanner.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Loring nominated Tom Tanner as Vice-Chairman and was seconded by Cmmr. DeGabriele.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Loring made a motion to approve Tom Tanner as Vice-Chairman and was seconded by Cmmr. DeGabriele.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Tanner nominated Scott Dowd as Clerk and was seconded by Cmmr. Loring.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to approve Scott Dowd as Clerk and was seconded by Cmmr. Loring.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

It was stated the Cmmr. George Loring will remain the CPC Representative.

The Commission's summer schedule will be to meet on July 24th and August 14th.

Mary Ellen Schloss stated that she is working with a resident, Mr. Crohan at 3 Healy Road on tree pruning within 25 feet and they hired an Arborist. She does not see an issue with this as the owner is very responsible but will keep the commission updated.

There have been a number of complaints about Woronoco Road as people are driving their ATV's on the salt marsh and she would like to put up some signs to deter this. The commission all agreed to let Mary Ellen put signs up, sensitive wildlife area.

CONSERVATION REPORT

See Administrator's report of June 12, 2013.

This was reviewed with the Commission and some highlights were:

- Master Cleaners could not find a tank when they investigated it. There is only a pipe. It appears it was an old well. Once they investigate further for contamination they will request to do a pump test prior to filing and NOI.
- Whitman's Pond Vegetation Management Plan Action Plan had a public meeting on June 10th with about 30 residents in attendance. There was mixed feelings from the residents. The Mayor's working group will build consensus on next steps.
- Brad Chase offered to come to the Conservation Commission Meeting to discuss fisheries impacts of management alternatives.
- Herring Run Flood Control Gate – there is a meeting with Gomez and Sullivan on June 10th and they will provide design cost estimates. Mary Ellen will need to work with DPW on proposal to CPC once they have cost estimates and approach for design work.
- There was an Environmental Notification Form submitted to MEPA for Fore River and Fort Point Road seawall project. This includes a possible salt marsh replication work. Mary Ellen will review this.
- Southfield filed an NOI for Cottages at Hollybrook.

Cmmr. DeGabriele asked if the wall at Woodbine Road has been done and it was stated no, because they were waiting for a drought so the water level was low.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2013.

Cmmr. Loring made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and was seconded by Cmmr. Merlino.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Hultin
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Scott Dowd, Conservation Clerk

Date