MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION October 23, 2013

Present:

Steve DeGabriele, Chairman

Tom Tanner, Vice Chairman

Scott Dowd, Clerk

Anthony Merlino, Commissioner

Absent:

George Loring, Commissioner

Also Present:

Mary Ellen Schloss, Administrator

Lee Hultin, Recording Secretary

Commissioner DeGabriele called the October 23, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, Ma.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2013 special meeting with Brad Chase and was seconded by Cmmr. Merlino VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Merlino made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 as amended and was seconded by Cmmr. Tanner.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2013 as amended and was seconded by Cmmr. Dowd. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

29 Erika Lane – Notice of Intent Hearing DEP File #81-1132

In-ground swimming pool

Cmmr. Merlino made a motion to open the public hearing on 29 Erika Lane at 7:05 pm and was seconded by Cmmr. Tanner.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Mary Ellen Schloss has received all the abutter notification cards.

The applicant said he had the land surveyed by Scott Arnold and the wetland surveyed and followed the procedures to stay out of the wetlands by 25 feet. There is about 3-4 feet of area between the pool apron and the pool. He will be putting a four-foot chain link fence around the pool and plant some bushes along the outside where the tree line is already.

extending a pipe to the end of the property. As part of this renovation she will be removing some of the cement patio and making more grass area. She believes the MWRA sewer project has impacted her property very severely and now she has all types of problems and she believes they drilled 24/7 for one year.

They are going to change the grade to go away from the house. The apron of the pool has cracked.

Mary Ellen Schloss stated that they did fill the trench back in as discussed, but the site needs to be stabilized prior to the winter.

Cmmr. Tanner asked if she is contracted to have someone do the apron and she stated yes. He suggested getting this done before the winter.

Cmmr. DeGabriele stated that she also needs to get the grading done so it goes towards the drains prior to the winter.

Ms. Bello said she would also like to move the large commercial gate further towards the street and replace it with a new smaller stockade fence.

Cmmr. DeGabriele asked if the drain system will handle the surface water and the water from the gutters as well and it was stated yes. The deck needs one new sonatube, a larger pillar and they will be fixing the steps. The pole at the chain link fence also needs to be replaced and that is set in concrete but it has a sleeve.

The applicant stated that there is a tree on her property that is dying and she would like to remove this tree. It is located next to her deck.

The public was given the opportunity to speak and there was no comment.

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to close the public hearing on 150 Idlewell Blvd at 7:52 pm and it was seconded by Cmmr. Merlino.

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to issue a Negative Three Determination and was seconded by Cmmr. Merlino.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Route 3 Median Restoration – Request for Final Certificate of Compliance DEP File #81-979

Mary Ellen gave a brief summary of the history to this location as follows; In February 2005 there was a sewer emergency where sewage was discharged into the Old Swamp River and there was no way to get back in there because the sewer easement was completely overgrown. DPW went back in there and had to cut trees, fill wetlands, flood plains, put pipes in the river to get trucks across and this was all done after we issued an emergency authorization. In August 2006 we issued an Order of Conditions. Since then all the work has been done. In August 2012 we

- Mary Ellen stated an appeal was filed with Norfolk Superior Court, of the local decision under the Broad Reach ANRAD. Our ordinance doesn't include an Historic Mill exemption; therefore we should have issued a separate decision under the local ordinance. Mary Ellen sent the appeal to George Lane for review and she is waiting to hear back from them.
- Weyfair Path didn't install any of the plantings behind the wall. There is some erosion of the slope on the far end of the wall and she has discussed this with the landscaper. She has photos and will write him a letter.
- 15 Regatta Road Mr. Murphy's retaining wall was supposed to have plantings on the slope and it is re-vegetating.
- Mary Ellen received a complaint from Kathy Swain of Mill River Drive about the Mill River drying up; Ms. Swain stated that another board had been added to the pond to stop the outflow. She is concerned about the impact to fisheries and wildlife, and said this used to be a perennial river and it is now an intermittent stream.
- Mary Ellen visited Weymouth Salvage today and George Eacobacci was not there. He started working on the north slope area. It is better, but it's not stable.

See Conservation Administrator's Report of October 23, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Cmmr. Tanner made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and was seconded by Cmmr. Dowd. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Hultin Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Scott Dowd, Conservation Clerk