

TOWN CLERK

Weymouth Conservation Commission

Council Chambers, Town Hall

March 9, 2011 Meeting

Present: George Loring, Chairman
Steve DeGabriele, Vice-Chairman
Scott Dowd, Commissioner
Laura Harbottle, Commission Clerk

Not Present: Adrienne Gowen, Commissioner

Also Present: Mary Ellen Schloss, Administrator

Recording Secretary: Patricia Fitzgerald

Cmmr. Loring called the March 9, 2011 meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Weymouth Town Hall.

Minutes

Cmmr. Harbottle moved to accept the minutes from January 26, 2011, seconded by Cmmr. Dowd.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Cmmr. DeGabriele moved to accept the February 9, 2011 minutes as written and amended, seconded by Cmmr. Dowd. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Partial Certificate of Compliance

Lot 7, #19 Cardinal Circle

DEP File #81-1035

Ms. Schloss reported that additional metals were removed, (3) boulders were replaced with larger ones and placed (but not embedded) and the restoration area has been planted. Photos of the property, taken on March 9th, were shown to the Commissioners.

Cmmr. DeGabriele stated that the boulders were supposed to be embedded 1/3 into the soil, with the portion above ground at least waist-high and no larger than shoulder height; based upon that, they are not in complete compliance.

The issue of non-compliance was discussed and it was decided that Ms. Schloss will mail Mr. Dignan a letter stating the work needs to be brought into compliance with what the Commission approved or he will have to submit a check for \$900.00 to provide for financial assurance. Once the work is done (or \$900.00 is received) and the additional metal is removed, only then will a Partial Certificate of Compliance be issued.

Cmmr. Harbottle moved to approve conditions for Partial Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Cmmr. DeGabriele. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Discussion: Weymouth Wetland Protection Ordinance

Ms. Schloss told the Commission that the Ordinance Review Committee is not supposed to deal with substantive changes; they're to ensure that ordinances reflect Town practices. On March 9th she met with Planning Director Jim Clarke and Marsha Conley (paralegal for George Lane) and it looks like they're pretty happy with the draft.

Ms. Schloss explained that the Commission is only suggesting Administrative changes, but 80% of what they are proposing can go under 'Administrative'. It was requested that Consultant fees not be included and for that to be considered separately.

Enforcements

Ms. Schloss told the Commission that, per Ms. Conley, George Lane will look at other boards to be sure the fine amounts and processes in Weymouth are consistent with other communities.

Cmmr. DeGabriele asked if MACC, or other communities, have a schedule of fines and suggested that future discussions include the egregiousness of the violation when determining fine amounts.

Cmmr. Harbottle asked what the process is for future substantive changes.

Ms. Schloss explained that a proposed Ordinance change starts with the Conservation Commission and then it goes to Jim Clarke and George Lane, from there to the Mayor and, lastly, to the Town Council who makes all Ordinance changes.

The Wetland Protection Draft was discussed and recommended changes were made.

Ms. Schloss added that George Lane is looking into the Herring Run Warden position, which is a substantive issue for the Ordinance Review Committee.

Other Business

- A visit to Woodbine Road is scheduled for March 12th; Cmmr. DeGabriele and Ms. Schloss will go.
- Human Resources will be providing ID's - to obtain one please call Lisa Coyne at 781-682-3598.
- Algonquin Gas Order of Conditions (for the barrel launcher). Ms. Schloss wants to check off on the OOC: (1) work is occurring in the flood plain and (2) equipment shall be secured in the event of a severe event/high storm surge. The Commission agreed.

Weymouth Club

The Commission discussed what action should be taken since the Weymouth Club has not complied with what the Commission has approved.

Ms. Schloss will write to them letting them know that they need to bring the project into compliance and that they may be required to pay for a Town-provided consultant. Also considered were the need for an as-built plan and a schedule for routine maintenance.

Grant Projects

All the deliverables are out for the Pollution Remediation Grant. In 2008 Conservation received a grant to design (3) retrofitted storm water treatment best management practices to improve the quality of stormwater discharge to Herring Brook. 75% of design plans have been submitted to the state. Nothing has been heard from the state about the grant application for Whitman's Pond vegetation management but a decision is supposed to be made this month.

Conservation Report

- North St. plan is due March 11th
- ANRAD – Ralph Talbot gas station
- Woodbine Road

Weed Watcher's Training with DCR - a (3) hour class to be held in late May or early June, (1) night during the week.

Ms. Schloss announced she will be unavailable for the May 25th meeting.

Weymouth Commons fuel oil spill

- Ms. Schloss said she wanted to make a site visit before it rains.
- The interceptor slope is in.
- An NOI will be needed.
- The clean-up crew is out there every day.

Adjournment

Cmmr. Harbottle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM and to meet again on March 23, 2011 at Town Hall in Council Chambers, seconded by Cmmr. Dowd. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fitzgerald

Approved:

Laura Harbottle, Conservation Clerk

Date