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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes April 27, 2011

Wyatt Mills, Terry Bradley, and Bill Freer were present. Andrew Chagnon and Cheryl Peckham were absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:04PM.

Citizen's Forum

None

(248-579) 821 Quaker Street (Map 28, Parcel 29, APO 36)

Septic system repair for an existing single-family dwelling in the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The applicant is John Robicheau represented by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., PO Box 312, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

Byron Andrews of Andrews Surveying stated that this project is for a failed septic system and they are seeking to replace it. The work will be in the buffer zone for the septic and they are also seeking to move the well to the front of the property out of the buffer zone. The area in the buffer zone is lawn now.

Mr. Bradley asked about the hay bale line and how much of the septic system would be in the buffer zone. Mr. Andrews pointed out the hay bale line on the plans and stated that all of the septic system is within the buffer zone. The closest point will be about 50 feet from the wetland. The system still needs approval from the Board of Health.

Mr. Mills asked about moving the septic system to a location farther away from the buffer zone towards the front of the property. The Conservation Commission wants to hear what the Board of Health's opinion is regarding the septic system in relation to the pond. The Commission thinks there may be a certain type of septic system that will need to be used if it remains within the buffer zone. This will need to be confirmed with the Board of Health.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to continue the Public Hearing to May 11, 2011 at 7:20PM.

Minutes

April 13, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of April 13, 2011 with the indicated changes.

Old / New Business

(248-469) Hills Condo Lot 2 – Request for Certificate of Compliance

Mr. Mills stated that during the site walk, it was noticed that one area at the end of the building that is a gully is of concern and it must be stabilized before the Certificate of Compliance (COC) can be

issued. Ms. Kinney will contact Heritage Design Group regarding the status of the completion of this stabilization before the Conservation Commission will issue the COC.

(09-RDA-2007) Riverdale Water –Determination of Applicability Extension Request

Jayne Knott of Riverdale Water explained that she came before the Conservation Commission in 2007 for a Request for Determination of Applicability. Since then, some minor changes have been made to the plans and the pump station is now outside the buffer zone. The access road already exists and the pipeline will be under the access road in the buffer zone. Erosion controls will be used during installation of the pipeline which will be done by digging the trench, laying the pipe and covering it back up. They are looking to start the project this summer.

Ms. Knott stated that the delay in starting the project has been monetary. They almost have the financing in place. Ms. Knott is looking for a two year extension to the existing Determination of Applicability that was approved in 2007 by the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to extend the Determination of Applicability for two years to April 27, 2013.

West End Dairy, LLC – Discussion

Greg VandenAkker contacted Mr. Mills and stated the Mr. Fease restored the flashboard of the dam which raised the level of the pond to its historic level; which is a good thing. However, there are now low spots on his property that fill up with water that he would like to fill in/level off. The Conservation Commission decided that a site walk is needed before any decision could be made on whether this falls under agricultural maintenance of the dairy. The site walk has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 7:00AM. Mr. Mills will contact Mr. VandenAkker with the date and time of the site walk.

Other

(248-573) The Camelot – Ms. Kinney informed the Conservation Commission that no reports have been received to-date and Tunison Dias has not been contacted yet regarding the contract to certify the vernal pools. Mr. Mills will contact Mr. Marinella and let him know where the Conservation Commission stands regarding this matter and if they receive nothing by the end of the week, the Conservation Commission may wish to proceed with a formal cease and desist order.

The Conservation Commission members present performed *administrative tasks* (signed Orders, etc.) that were needed.

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: July 27, 2011

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant