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Meeting Minutes April 25, 2012

Andrew Chagnon, Bill Freer, Cheryl Peckham, Terry Bradley (arrived at 7:05PM) and John Brown were present. Diane Schotanus was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Brown opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Citizen's Forum

Benito Alberini, 2667 Providence Road – Wetlands Violation Letter

Mr. Chagnon explained the Conservation Commission's jurisdictional areas and what the letter sent means. Mr. Benito stated that there is a concrete wall on Roger Mathieu's property and Mr. Benito would like to extend it 14 feet to stop erosion of the bank into the river. No trees will be cut down. Basically the cut into the bank is completed. The area is ready for compaction and building the wall. Mr. Mathieu stated that because the Blackstone River is a registered river it falls under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers. The Conservation Commission explained that it is also under the jurisdiction of this Commission.

A site walk has been scheduled for April 28, 2012 at 8:00AM to review the work done and to determine how to proceed.

(248-587) Church St. Maintenance Facility Site Plan (Map 28, Parcel(s) 6, 46, 73 & 74)

Proposed construction of a parking area for the overnight parking of the propane trucks including grading and drainage within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is Vincent Osterman, Osterman Propane, LLC represented by Heritage Design Group, One Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Mark Anderson of Heritage Design Group and David Rudge, General Manager and Facilities Manager of Osterman's Propane were present. They are looking to construct a maintenance facility to replace the small existing maintenance facility which will become a dry storage shed, which is $\pm 4,000$ square feet. There will be no new curb cut on Church Street. They will be adding a wash bay inside the building. The water will be captured into a MDC facility that will empty into the existing town system.

The newly disturbed area will include a drainage system that will remove 80% Total Suspended Solids (TSS) by capturing all runoff. The site in back is difficult with gravel that has been disturbed and re-disturbed. They are in the process of cleaning up this area now. Debris and trash have been removed including a couple of 10,000 gallon tanks, white metal and old wringer washing machines. Ten 30-yard dumpsters of trash have been removed from the site. More is being cleaned there now. There are no other options so the

drainage will go to a grass swale where the runoff will be cleaned and then flow into the wetland, per Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson stated that Heritage Design Group will address the comments from JH Engineering.

Jeff Howland of JH Engineering has some concerns after his recent site visit to the property with the amount and / or location of the trucks onsite now. Mr. Anderson stated that they are there on a temporary basis and the grass swale will be located where those trucks are now and pointed this out on the plan. Osterman's bought out Energy USA and are in the process of determining if the trucks can be fixed and put into the fleet or just salvaged for parts and then discarded.

Per Mr. Anderson, the parking of trucks will be in the rear of the property near the wetlands. They are parked across the street now and that area will be abandoned. The vehicles will leave for a week at a time. They may be parked there over the weekend. There will be no live storage of propane in the parking area.

Mr. Chagnon reviewed the drainage report and stated that the peak discharges shown are for the 210 and 100 year storms, but not the 25 year. However, less than 0.6 is not a real concern. Mr. Howland agrees.

Mr. Chagnon also wanted to know if the property(s) are listed as a single property or are still multiple parcels. Mr. Anderson stated that they are in the process of being combined now.

Mr. Chagnon stated that the stormwater management regulations are met on the proposed area but the Conservation Commission will need the analysis on the existing part of the property to make sure that the regulations are met for TSS removal and overall improvement to the site. Mr. Anderson stated that he will provide the analysis.

Mr. Bradley wanted to know, except for the discharge points, whether or not the limit of disturbance is the erosion control line shown on the plan. Mr. Anderson confirmed that it was.

Mr. Bradley wanted more information on how oil and / or fluids leaks will be handled. Mr. Anderson explained that there will be a double layer sediment removal fore bay and that there have been no incidents from the trucks parked across the street in 30 years.

One double layered fore bay may not be enough and maybe all three fore bays should be double layered. Mr. Anderson will address this in the next couple of days. The Conservation Commission also needs to decide if the whole site (including the existing part) needs to be considered for stormwater management.

Mr. Chagnon would like to review the regulations more closely as well. Mr. Anderson stated that the high pollutant load is only where the trucks will be parked and does not exist in the front of the property. Mr. Chagnon stated that since the trucks will be using the front of the property to reach the back of the property, the whole property is high pollutant load.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to continue the Public Hearing to May 9, 2012 at 7:20PM.

(04-RDA-2012) Lot 8 Rebecca Road (The Camelot) (Map 16, Parcel 217)

Proposed construction of a single-family dwelling with associated grading located within the 100 foot vegetated buffer zone, but outside of the 50 foot buffer zone offset. The applicant is J & F Marinella Development Corp. represented by Heritage Design Group, One Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Bill Freer is recusing himself from this public meeting as he is buying the house that the new owner of this dwelling is leaving / selling.

Mark Anderson of Heritage Design Group stated that this is a unique house design. It is being developed for two handicapped children. Blackstone Valley Tech students are designing and helping with the building of the dwelling. All work is outside of the 50 foot buffer zone but some of the work is within the 100 foot buffer zone. The lot is relatively flat and the 50 foot buffer will remain vegetated in its natural state.

Mr. Bradley wanted to know if the limit of disturbance is the erosion control line and what kind of vegetation exists in the 50 foot buffer zone. Mr. Anderson confirmed that the limit of disturbance is the erosion control line and the vegetation is wooded with maples, pines, etc. Mr. Bradley suggested that markers are placed along the 50 foot line so that the 50 foot area will remain undisturbed. Mr. Anderson stated that they would be happy to install two markers. Mr. Chagnon would like to see three markers with one at each end and one in the middle of the lot. Mr. Anderson is fine with three markers. The Conservation Commission reminded Mr. Anderson that the adjacent lots will need to come before the Commission as well.

Phase 1 has been divided into Phase 1A and Phase 1B. Jeff Howland, JH Engineering, stated that basin 1 is functioning as intended; however, the details still need to be done such as grading, loam, & seeding, etc. The stormceptor has not been installed. The next 400 feet there are two storm basins and the drainage ends there. The plans show the drainage turn onto Grace Street to a stormceptor then to the wetlands. The first storm basin is raised and the second one is not. Runoff drains to them and then stops. Mr. Anderson explained that the two catch basins divert water of the paved area to an area for settling. Mr. Howland stated that it would take them another 200 to 300 feet of roadway to open the spot where the drainage needs to be as designed. He agrees that the temporary settling area is fine for now. Mr. Anderson stated that this has not been a problem so far.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to issue a negative determination with the conditions that three markers be placed at each end of the lot and one in the middle along the 50 foot buffer zone line, erosion controls be placed as shown on the plan and notification to the Conservation Commission be 48 hours prior to the start of construction for a site inspection.

The Conservation Commission then discussed and signed the building permit applications.

MinutesMarch 28, 2012

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012 as written.

April 11, 2012

The Conservation Commission tabled these minutes to the next meeting.

Old / New Business

Quaker Street – A gentleman appeared before the Conservation Commission looking to modify Lot 4R Quaker Street. Instead of the shown house, barn, etc. he wants to construct a ranch with a three car garage and move the erosion control line 10 feet towards the wetland in one section, which he pointed out on the plans. The Conservation Commission determined that this is an insubstantial change and does not require further approval. A note will be put in the file.

Other

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

The Conservation Commission reviewed the Commission's duties with Joy Anderson who is looking to fill the Conservation Commission vacancy. Ms. Anderson also told the Conservation Commission about herself including that she has some knowledge about drainage as she sells industrial chemicals. The Conservation Commission then explained the process of getting her appointed to the Commission. Ms. Kinney will notify the Board of Selectmen's Office for her to be appointed on their next available agenda.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the draft wording for the Douglas Road positive determination and made changes. They signed the signature section. Ms. Kinney will make the changes and issue the determination.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at or about 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: May 9, 2012

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant