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Meeting Minutes December 20, 2023

Justin Arbuckle, Justine Carroll, Chloe Mawn, and Barbara McNamee were present. Cindee Cummiskey and Rich Chiras were absent. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant and David Pickart, NCC Agent, were present. The NCC has one (1) vacancy.

J. Carroll opened the meeting at 7:08PM.

Citizen's Forum

None

(NCCP202301) 0 Emond Street (Map 22A, Parcels 251, 252)

Proposed construction of two (2) duplexes within the buffer zone of an isolated vegetated wetland with a vernal pool. The applicant is Bruno Orlandi, BD Homes, LLC represented by Goddard Consulting, LLC, 291 Main Street, Suite 8, Northborough, MA 01532.

The applicant has requested a continuance to the first meeting in January 2024.

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to the first meeting in January 2024.

(248-XXX) 700 Commerce Drive, Osterman Commerce Park (Map 28, Parcel 81)

Proposed clearing of vegetation and grading to prepare a "Pad Ready" area for future building with work within the 100-foot buffer zone of a wetland. The applicant is VE Properties IX, LLC represented by Allen Engineering & Associates, Inc. (AEA), 140 Hartford Avenue East, Hopedale, MA 01747.

The legal requirements have been satisfied including publication of the legal ad. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file number is needed. Rob Knapik, AEA, representing Vince Osterman (also present) explained that the submittal is for site preparation work in area 4 within Osterman Commerce Park. Separate permits for each building will be sought. An Order of Conditions (OOC) was previously issued (and still open) for the gravel crossing that was done to access this area of the site to create a cleared pad. They will be lowering the elevation +/-two (2) feet. The stormwater controls are temporary basins with work in the buffer zone. The basins may be redesigned/replaced once plans for the building(s) to be constructed are submitted. The Public Hearing will need to be continued because the DEP number is needed, and several flags may need to be moved per D. Pickart's observations. The existing silt fence that was placed for the crossing needs to be removed now. Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has already issued their approval.

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by C. Mawn. The NCC voted 4-0 to continue the Public Hearing to the first meeting in January 2024.

Old/New Business**2024 Schedule of Meeting Dates** – Vote to Approve

The NCC discussed the proposed schedule and decided to add June 26, 2024 because of the holiday on June 19, 2024 and the potential for no quorum on July 03, 2024.

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by C. Mawn. The NCC voted 4-0 to approve the 2024 meeting schedule with the addition of one meeting in June.

Castle Hill – Purchase Game Camera

D. Pickart explained that it was suggested that a game camera with night vision be purchased for Castle Hill Farms. The cost will be between \$100 and \$200, and they can be moved around the property. Another mattress has been dumped on the site.

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by C. Mawn. The NCC voted 4-0 to purchase two (2) game cameras from the Castle Hill Fund for the Castle Hill Farm property.

Note: A member of the Land Trails Committee has seen a bald eagle fly and land in the meadow at Castle Hill Farm.

Minutes**August 02, 2023**

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by C. Mawn. The NCC voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of August 02, 2023.

August 16, 2023

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023.

November 15, 2023

Motion made by B. McNamee and seconded by C. Mawn. The NCC voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of November 15, 2023.

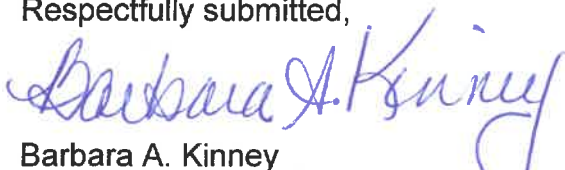
Other

The NCC members present performed administrative tasks (signed Orders, etc.) that were needed including signing up for the Christmas Tree Recycling program.

Adjournment

Motion made by C. Mawn and seconded by J. Arbuckle. The NCC voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at about 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:

01/17/2024