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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes July 27, 2011

Wyatt Mills, Diane Schotanus, Andrew Chagnon, Cheryl Peckham, Bill Freer, John Brown and Terry Bradley (late) were present. No one was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

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

Citizen's Forum

No one was present for Citizen's Forum.

(248-580) Linwood Pond Dam (Map 5, Parcel(s) 39 & 47)

Proposed improvements to the earthen dam to improve flood capacity to limit the potential for a dam breach during significant storm events that would result in overtopping the structure located at 670 Linwood Avenue. The applicant is Linwood Mill, LLC represented by Tighe & Bond, Inc., 53 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085.

Chris Haker of Tighe & Bond provided a quick summary of what was discussed at the last meeting and at the site walk. He is here tonight to answer any remaining questions. Ms. Peckham has been out to the site and stated that the installed erosion controls look fine.

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Chagnon. The Conservation Commission voted 6-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Mr. Brown. The Conservation Commission voted 6-0 to accept the plans of Linwood Pond Dam Overtopping Protection Linwood Mill, LLC Northbridge, MA and dated May 2011.

The Conservation Commission members present signed the prepared Order of Conditions.

(04-RDA-2011) 81, 101 & 142 Meadow Pond Road (Map 1, Parcels 1 & 16)

Proposed demolition of the three remaining cottages and removal of all materials by the demolition company. The land will be restored back to its natural state where it will remain as protected water supply land. All three cottages are located less than 100 feet from Meadow Pond. The applicant is Whitinsville Water Company, 44 Lake Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Randy Swigor of the Whitinsville Water Company stated that they are ready to demolish the second group of remaining dwellings along Meadow Pond. All that is left are just basically

shells that need to be taken down. Everything has already been disconnected. The Conservation Commission stated that hay bales will need to be installed along the water and they would like to be notified before the start of the work.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Brown. The Conservation Commission voted 6-0 to issue a negative determination with the conditions above. A Conservation member signed the three demolition permit applications.

Mr. Bradley arrived at 7:22PM.

(05-RDA-2011) 17 Douglas Road (Map 5, Lot 75)

Proposed installation of a two inch natural gas service pipe connection. The pipe route will be from the existing gas main within Douglas Road through the existing paved driveway of 17 Douglas Road to the rear of the building. The owner is Schochet-Whitinsville Association, 175 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston MA 02110 and the applicant is NSTAR Gas, One NSTAR Way, NE 250, Westwood, MA 02090.

Mike Zylich of NSTAR Gas provided pictures and explained they intend to install a two inch gas line to connect from the existing main on Douglas Street to the rear of the building through the existing driveway. The driveway is located on the opposite side of the building from the Mumford River. It will be a two or three day project and any excess soil will be removed from the site. At the end of the day any open area will be backfilled or a plate put over it. Repaving will be done at the end of the project. Mr. Chagnon asked about whether the final coat and any binder layers of asphalt will be installed. Mr. Zylich stated that a binder coat will be installed and left to settle with a final coat of asphalt installed in the spring. They are looking to start the project before the heating season.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 7-0 to issue a negative determination.

Minutes

April 27, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0-4 (Mr. Chagnon, Ms. Peckham, Ms. Schotanus and Mr. Brown abstained) to accept the minutes of April 27, 2011 as written.

May 11, 2011

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0-3 (Mr. Chagnon, Mr. Brown and Ms. Schotanus abstained) to accept the minutes of May 11, 2011 as written.

May 25, 2011

The Conservation Commission reviewed these minutes and determined that they would like the changes made as suggested by Mr. Chagnon and to review them again before voting to accept them at a future meeting.

June 22, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Freer and seconded by Mr. Brown. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0-2 (Mr. Chagnon and Ms. Peckham abstained) to accept the minutes of June 22, 2011 with changes.

July 13, 2011

Mr. Mills reviewed these minutes and they look good. No vote is needed because there was no quorum.

Old / New Business(248-540) Shining Rock Golf – Damage to Open Space Land

Ms. Schotanus has hiked further up into the Conservation land and discovered that more land has been damaged for a bike trail. The Conservation Commission is looking to have another clean up day to restore this newly discovered damage. Ms. Schotanus stated that she has posted signs at the trail entrance and where there first damage was found. The Conservation Commission discussed that bicycles are fine, but the damage is not, and what they could do to help deter further damage.

A clean up day has been scheduled for September 11, 2011 from 8:30AM to 11:00AM.

Conservation Commission Reorganization

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Ms. Peckham. The Conservation Commission voted 7-0 to extend the current organization to the March 2012 meeting of Mr. Mills, Chair, Mr. Chagnon, Vice Chair, and Mr. Bradley, Clerk.

Other1623 Providence Road

The Conservation Commission quickly reviewed 1623 Providence Road submittal scheduled for the next meeting and Ms. Schotanus and Mr. Mills will visit the site before the next meeting. Some items of consideration will be where erosion controls will be needed and if any trees will need to be cut down, etc.

Whitinsville Golf Club

The Conservation Commission scheduled a site visit to the Whitinsville Golf Club on August 9, 2011 at 6:00PM.

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

Motion made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Chagnon. The Conservation Commission voted 7-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE APPROVED: August 10, 2011

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