

Final
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NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 3, 2014 @ 7:00 PM - Room 112

FINAL MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Bob Woodill, David Osborne, Ron Mott, Bill Grafton and Lori Hillstrand.

Conservation Agent: Nancy Hemingway

AGENDA ACCEPTANCE:

Motion: Ron Mott moved to accept the agenda as written.

Second: Bob Woodill

In Favor: All

7:00 PM: COMMISSION BUSINESS

SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS

Commission Priority Projects, Land Management

Jacobs Dam – Jim Boudreau – read a letter by Ken Goode. Mr. Boudreau spoke of study of the dam required by the state costing \$3500. There's \$2000 required for dam repair. Mr. Boudreau said that the dam is owned by Conservation and Conservation is responsible for payment.

David Osborne corrected the ownership information for the dam. The Conservation Commission is allowed to adjust the water level by the gates in Jacobs Pond. The last time, we offered to pay for the survey and would again be willing to pay. He asked Mr. Boudreau to have the correction of the dams' ownership made.

Motion: Bob Woodill moved to expend funds from the Conservation fund not to exceed \$3500 for the proposed survey of the condition of Jacobs Pond Dam, with the stipulation that the Conservation Commission does not own nor control the dam.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

Jacobs Pond Vegetation Control – Bob Woodill said that the first application will be done on Thursday, June 5th with signs up for the restriction of use for that day only. This is a mild herbicide. There is to be no boating, fishing or swimming. There will be two more applications in the future.

Bob Woodill said that **Peter Dillon** (geologist by trade) asked if the Conservation Commission would be interested in joining him in exploring the possibility of doing a study on the hydrology of Jacob's Pond. David Osborne suggested that Mr. Dillon come before the Commission for an informal discussion. Nancy Hemingway will set up an informal meeting via an email chain.

Simon Hill – David Osborne said that there is a verbal agreement between the Conservation Commission and the Water Department to determine how the 30+ acres are to be administered. A mutual sharing deal. The Selectmen will need a letter from both boards.

Pathways - Nancy Hemingway said that a path was made, while studying the land for perc tests, which she would like to have cleared and maintained for a pathway connection.

Low priority: Nancy Hemingway said that there are two old cross country ski trails on the Hatch lots that she'd like the highway department to clear and maintain.

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Gator - David Osborne said that a new gator was proposed and a compromise was reached with Paul Folsham, in exchange with a letter, to use the old gator. He would like to limit instruction to only a few people. He suggested that the members think about this and discuss at the next meeting. Nancy Hemingway suggested speaking with Jim Boudreau about purchasing requirements and arrangements.

Spring Commission Managed Lands - Update and Priority review and discussion tabled to the next meeting.

Budget Report and Discussion – Nancy Hemingway said that there is \$1500 open money that needs to be used by end of June. Bob Woodill recommended a trail counter for Jacobs Pond and for use in the trail systems. This costs \$499. David Osborne asked that members come in with definitive suggestions for the money at the next meeting. Ron Mott was asked to determine how much is needed for roofing materials. Lori Hillstrand suggested Nancy Hemingway make a wish list.

Violation Sites, Protocols, Commission Policy on Contact – Bruce Humphrey was interested and it will be tabled until Bruce Humphrey is present.

Norwell Farms – Request for test wells –

Norwell Farms representatives present: Nicole Bartley, Scott Franklin and Joanne Ranoff.

Scott Franklin is presenting a request for test borings behind the barns and out in the field, on Historical land, in preparation of installing an artisan well. A site map was presented.

Jim Ward – Owner of Jim Ward Artisan Wells – suggested that the test boring be done to determine the water source. Scott Franklin said that they have CPC funding for \$25k.

David Osborne would like to see an irrigation plan before the test borings are dug. He feels that there is now enough water, but not enough pressure. He wants an alternate plan and to possibly consider expanding the existing well. Originally a deep well was proposed for 100 gallons per minute between the barns.

Bob Woodill asked if they can verify that they can get 25 gallons per minute from the first test well before moving onto the next. Jim Ward answered that this would be possible.

Lori Hillstrand sees no downside to digging the well. Bill Grafton said that they should look at expanding the current well. Bob Woodill said that test #1 be done on Historical Land and if that is a bust, proceed with the other borings.

Motion: Lori Hillstrand moved to authorize Norwell Farms to drill their test borings first on the area between the barns that was originally funded by the CPC and in the event that that is not sufficient, that we authorize them to do three other test borings to gain the data to draw up a sufficient irrigation plan.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: Ron Mott, Bob Woodill and Lori Hillstrand.

Against: Bill Grafton

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Open Space & Recreation
- Pathways
- Trail/Signage
- CPC

MISCELLANEOUS

Summer Schedule – Discussion on the summer schedule determined that we should eliminate one in July and one in August. To be scheduled will be July 1st meeting and August 5 meeting.

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Motion: Bill Grafton moved to accept summer schedule; June 17, July 1st and August 5th.

Second: Lori Hillstrand

In Favor: All

Against: Bob Woodill

Bills: \$173- Norwell Hardware and \$150 - Debra Kruk.

Motion: Bob Woodill moved that we pay the bills.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

Minutes – April 15th – Changes were made by David Osborne and Bill Grafton and noted by agent.

Motion: Ron Mott moved to accept the 4/15/14 minutes with discussed changes.

Second: Bob Woodill

In Favor: All

Minute - April 1st – Changes made by Bill Grafton and noted by agent.

Motion: Ron Mott

Second: Bill Grafton

In Favor: All

8:00PM: PUBLIC HEARINGS LEGAL DOCUMENTS/VOTES

***Legal Documents/Votes

***Minor Amendments, Reviews, COC's

***Requests for Determination

***Notices of Intent

***Enforcements/ Violations

Additions:

- Nancy Hemingway issued a letter permit for paving a small space outside the tennis court for handicapped access.
- Steve Ivas suggested a utility work letter for 450 Main Street which she feels is appropriate.
- Hatchlot bench – was decided to be placed where the two trails come together by Ryan Martin.

420 Washington Street / NCC# 13(14) / Replace Existing Septic System RDA / DOA

Applicant: CMEG II, LLC / Representative: Greg Morse, Morse Engineering

Present: Jeff Hassett – Morse Engineering

Discussion: Plan for the existing and replacement septic systems were explained by Jeff Hassett. He explained why the location was chosen. The system will be well above the ground water and will be an improvement. Currently have BOH approval.

Nancy Hemingway agrees with Jeff Hassett on the area to have no interference with the wetland.

Motion: Bob Woodill moved to issue a negative determination for 420 Washington Street/NCC #13(14) under positive 2B, positive 5 and negative 3 under state and local.

Second: Bill Grafton

In Favor: All

34 Turner's Way / NCC# 14(14) / Addition RDA / DOA

Applicant: ERT Architects, Inc. / Representative: Matthew Creighton, BSC Group, Inc.

Present: Kieran Healy – Land Surveyor with the BSC Group.

Discussion: Mr. Healy explained the proposed addition and the distance to the riverfront of 177'.

Nancy Hemingway said with the project, this would be out of the 100' buffer. She doesn't agree with the BVW and the saltmarsh and feels that this should be noted. She recommends that we do not approve the delineation and have a planting plan that is maintained.

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Bill Grafton suggested some conservation markers on the edge of the existing grass on either side. One lot plan was marked up with recommended changes.

Motion: Bill Grafton motioned on 34 Turners Way/NCC# 14 (14). Moved to issue a negative determination under the wetland and a positive determination under the bylaw. Positive 2B under both local and state, positive 5 subject to wetland bylaw and a negative 3 under state and local. Also, the additional condition of two conservation markers on the coastal bank.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

164 Prospect Street / NCC# 15(14) / Driveway Removal & Landscaping RDA / DOA

Applicant: John S. Barry / Representative: Greg Morse, Morse Engineering, Inc.

Present: Jeff Hassett – Morse Engineering and John Barry-property owner.

Discussion: Jeff Hassett explained the delineation of the wetlands, done in November, a vernal pool and a historic swale. He said that the concerns voiced by Nancy Hemingway can be better explained by a site walk. There is BOH approval.

Mr. Barry explained how options were decided on a condemned property that he purchased in October. He would like a complete rehab of the building and to be under construction by end of summer.

Nancy Hemingway took a site visit, reviewed and explained previous information on the property. There is a question on the stream channel and possible mitigation. Her recommendation is for the Commission to determine whether it is drainage only or an intermittent stream channel. David Osborne suggested a site visit and a possible peer review.

Motion: Ron Mott moved to continue 164 Prospect Street/NCC#15(14) pending a site visit.

Second: Bill Grafton

In Favor: All

56 Stetson Road / SE52-1053 & NCC#12(14) /Septic System Repair NOI (cont.)

Applicant: Cindy Miller / Representative: Darren Grady, Grady Consulting Inc.

Present: Paul Stevers – Grady consulting

Discussion: Paul Stevers discussed the repair of the septic system.

Nancy Hemingway said the repair pulls the system entirely out of the wetland zone and recommends approval.

Motion: Bob Woodill moved to close the hearing and issue a NOI on 56 Stetson Road/SE52-1053.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

Chittenden Landing / SE52-???? & NCC# 1(14) / Dock replacement and modification NOI (cont.)

Applicant: Norwell Conservation Commission //Representative: David Osborne and Ron Mott

Discussion: David Osborne said that David Hill (DEP) worked on this site with Ron Mott. By the next meeting there should be an official stamped plan and we'll be able to move ahead with the approval. Ron Mott submitted a plan showing the orientation changes. Nancy Hemingway will email all abutters once she has the plan from Cytech.

Motion: Bob Woodill moved to continue Chittenden Landing /SE52 unknown.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

707 Main Street / SE52-1047 & NCC# 13(13) / Paving & Maintenance of Parking Area w/ Plantings

After-the-Fact NOI (cont.)

Applicant: James Keliher / Representative: Paul J. Mirabito, Ross Engineering Co., Inc.

Discussion: Nancy Hemingway requested a site visit with Chessia, their engineer and the landowner. David Osborne feels that this project is new construction. A site visit date will be determined.

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Motion: Bob Woodill moved that the Conservation Commission view 707 Main Street/SE52-1047 as new construction.

Second: Ron Mott

In Favor: All

ENFORCEMENT / VIOLATION HEARINGS and DISCUSSIONS:

AGENTS REPORT

SCIENCE AND REGULATION IN THE NEWS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

And other such matters that may be pending before the Commission

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Bill Grafton moved to adjourn at 9:55

Second: Lori Hillstrand

In Favor: All

OK.
