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Meeting Date: 24-02-22

Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Minutes Approved: 24-03-14

Members Present: Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Peter Coffin, Susan Cahalan

Members Absent: Tim Aicardi, Mike Ammendolia,

Conservation Agent: Isabella Genova

Recording: <https://youtu.be/2OOdTdpZWVU?si=g6T-NBoofxL6ehw8>

Others: John Nenart (Rt. 85 Realty), Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting), Angelo Guillarducci

Remote: Adam Brodsky (Environmental Lawyer rep Rt. 85 Realty), AJ & Christine Buchold

Quorum met at 7:01 and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

Correspondence

45 - 49 Uxbridge Rd

Present was John Nenart (site manager Rt. 85 Realty), Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting), and Adam Brodsky (Environmental Lawyer rep Rt. 85 Realty).

John Nenart updated the Commission on the status of the site. The temporary retention basin has been filled in with the ¾ in stone for the underground retention basin and so have the plunge pools. The intermittent stream temporarily lined and redirected through a pipe around the construction site, to prevent the clean water from mixing with silt and dirty water. The stream empties into filter fabric prior to seeping through the silt fence. The streambed construction will begin in the upcoming weeks, with the restoration and replanting occurring in June. They will not redirect the water until the stream bed is vegetated.

John states he is comfortable paying for a peer review of the wetland restoration but not of the stormwater plans. John will be having the top of the hill hydroseeded, after the rock piles are smaller, to reduce erosion. Discussion on the timeline of when the trees at the top of the hill were clear cut, and whether this was reviewed by Planning Board. Adam Brodsky questions whether the Commission is attempting to extend its jurisdiction to the upland portion of the site. John states the top of the hill is only a temporary disturbance during construction.

Chair Carl presents the Commission with the question of whether the peer review for restoration should include the stormwater analysis. Both peer review proposals that were received include review of the stormwater analysis and present erosion control. There are proposals from BSC Group and Ecosystem Solutions Inc., and waiting for one from Graves Engineering. Susan motions to push the peer review decision to the next meeting, seconded by Bob. Passes unanimously

13 Bellingham St

Present is Angelo Guillarducci. Edward Avizinis has submitted a restoration for the site and is expected at the next meeting. The gully on the site must be filled with straw to prevent erosion prior to the next store.

23 Cape Rd

Isabella is awaiting a restoration plan from D&L Design Group for the wetlands located down gradient of 23 Cape Rd. There have been some additional erosion control measures installed at the site, including another layer of silt fence further up hill.

41 Bellingham St

Review tree removal inquiry by Cheryl Baxter for a large pine and a few smaller trees on the property. Approved with conditions of no grubbing or heavy machinery in natural areas, and suggestions to leave snags where appropriate.

Peter motions to approve the tree removal, seconded by Lea. Passes unanimously.

3 Morrison Dr

There are no wetlands on site, John Erickson will reply to the abutter.

Sylvan Springs

Reviewed Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan for 24-02-09.

Conservation Trail Activity

Update by Lea Whiting. Anne Mazar will supply two new private property signs for Jared Wheelock's property. Isabella attended a site walk on Jan 27th with the Land Use Committee for a new trail at Inman Hill.

43 Quissett (Pearson Farm) Conservation Restriction

Isabella reports an estimate breakdown from Guerriere and Halnon, for \$1800 to resurvey and install 5 new rebar markers flush in the ground on the perimeter of the Farmstead envelope. Anne Mazar suggested to split the cost with the Community Preservation Committee.

Lake Nipmuc Task Force

Update from Bob Sweet. The Task Force will meet March 19th.

Vegetated Swales Best Management Practices

Lea would like to adopt best management practices for vegetated grass swales with native plants and require biodegradable swales for erosion control measures.

Review and approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from 24-02-08 by Lea, seconded by Susan, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from 23-02-09 by Peter, seconded by Susan. Lea and Bob abstained. Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from 23-03-23 by Peter, seconded by Susan. Lea and Bob abstained. Passed unanimously.

Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Motion to adjourn by Bob seconded by Lea, passed unanimously, 8:53pm.