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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2023 | Time: 6:30 P.M. | via Zoom Meeting

Present: Ronald Stead, Paul DiCicco, Christopher Weagle, Jeff Raymond

Absent: Raymond Keddy

6:30 P.M. Chairman Stead opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Minutes-

Review of minutes from meeting on December 14, 2022. A motion to approve minutes as written made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- Notice of Intent

Westec Drive LLC & IDIAM LLC/ John Direnzo

135, 137, 139 & 141 Worcester- Providence Turnpike- Continued to February 15, 2023

The Public Hearing above requested to continue to the next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. A motion to continue to February 15, 2023, was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- ANRAD

Hammersmith Homes LLC- Lori Venincasa

Riverlin Street lots 38-63, 38-67, 39-1, 46-92, 31-28

Chairman Stead opened up this Public Hearing by saying this wasn't to approve a Notice of Intent and there would be no discussion other than what was on agenda. Andrew Thibault, Goddard Consulting, on behalf of the applicant, as well as Scott Goddard represented the project and noted that final plans were submitted this afternoon. Mr. Thibault said that he feels that the waterbody area in question is considered a pond. Mr. Goddard concurred, stating he has done many projects similar to this and his professional opinion is it is a pond, although there may be some areas that have a few river characteristics. Don Flynn, Ecotone NE, the Conservation Commission's consultant, feels the waterbody would be considered a river. Mr. Flynn reviewed the area in question with small boat like objects to determine the direction they floated. With his tests, Mr. Flynn felt confident in saying it is a river. Mr. Flynn, Mr. Goddard and Mr. Thibault all agreed that a site visit with members of the Commission would be a good idea so they could review the situation in person. Mr. Goddard asked for a 2-month continuance until the April 5, 2023 meeting so everyone could review and allow time for additional site visits. A motion to continue until April 5, 2023 was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- ANRAD**Hammersmith Homes LLC- Lori Venincasa****McGrath Road Map 84 Lots 7, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39**

Andrew Thibault from Goddard Consulting represented the applicant. New site plans were submitted earlier this week, site visits were done in December 2022 and January 2023 with Mr. Don Flynn from Ecotone NE, the Conservation Commission's consultant. They addressed some comments DEP made regarding this project. Both felt as though all concerns were properly address and corrected on the new site plans. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr DiCicco, and seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved. Motion to issue an ORAD as drafted was made by Mr. Weagle and seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

New Business:**Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability****David and Marybeth Sullivan- Failed Septic System replacement****110 Worc- Prov Tpke, Millbury**

Raouf Mankaryous, Alpha Omega Engineering, represented the applicant. The design for a new septic system to be installed at approx. 54' from an existing well. The system will be about 75' from wetland resource area. Protective mitigation waddles and silt fencing will be in place prior to project start and there will be no storage of any materials on project site. Project anticipated to take 5 to 6 days to complete. A motion to close public meeting was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr., DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved. Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business:

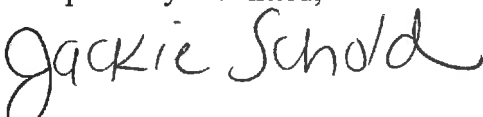
Approval of Paul Stringham as interim Conservation Agent until a permanent agent is hired by the Town. Mr. DiCicco asked if a time limit could be added onto this appointment but the Commission felt because it is an Interim position that a time limit was not needed. Motion to approve Mr. Stringham as Interim Conservation Agent was made by Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Raymond read a letter that was received in the office regarding an in-lieu-of gift from National Grid. Their project had come before the board in late 2022. Their project scope included tree removal as part of the continued maintenance. Mr. Stead had asked if trees could be re-planted in the area. After National Grid's review it was determined there was no space to re-plant trees in the project area. National Grid offered a gift of \$5000.00 to the Millbury Tree Warden for new tree plantings throughout town. As trees are planted, the Tree Warden will report where the gift monies have been spent. The Commission was very pleased with National Grid's gift and thanked them.

The office received a letter from Donna Nagelschmidt of 9 Rice Road. In her letter she expressed she would like to see the Town write a Wetlands Bylaw to be presented for the approval at Town Meeting. Mr. Stead said that this topic had come up prior and a Consultant would most likely need to be hired to help write this Wetlands Bylaw. Mr. Stead asked to have this to be put on the agenda for February 15, 2023 for further discussion.

Next Meeting- Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:30P.M.

Mr. Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.


Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Schold, Clerk
Millbury Conservation Commission



Ronald Stead



Paul DiCicco



Jeff Raymond



Christopher Weagle

Raymond Keddy