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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023 – Virtual Meeting
Times are estimates only. Items may be taken out of order
7:30 p.m.
Call to order

Commissioners Present: Dayna Gill, Ken McKay, Sean Green, David Blackwell, David Travalini

Commissioners Absent: Mike Narducci

Conservation Agent Present: Bridget Graziano

Community Members Present: Ryan Roseen, Amanda Cavaliere, John Early, Joyce Hastings, Tom Roche, Frank Farley, Kevin Baldwin

Call to Order: At 7:36PM, Mr. Travalini called the meeting to order. He confirmed the virtual presence of the following individuals. Blackwell: here, Gill: here, Green: here, McKay: here, Travalini: here.

Announcement – This meeting is being broadcast and recorded by Medway Cable Access

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, an act which extends certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the State of Emergency, and under which public bodies retain the option of holding open meetings and hearings remotely until March 31, 2023, and in accordance with the Medway Select Board's remote participation policy as amended at its July 2, 2021, meeting, Conservation Commission members will be participating remotely.

VOTE: Mr. Travalini offered a motion to add an agenda item regarding the naming of a parcel of land owned by the Commission on Village Street. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: here. VOTE 5-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability

- **235 Main Street – RDA-23-01 proposal to install a replacement septic system and abandonment of the failed system**

Joyce Hastings was present to represent the applicant about this matter. Ms. Hastings shared her screen to show the area for the existing septic system and the area to install a new septic system within proximity to a wetland. Ms. Hastings discussed plans to install loam and seed over a two week excavation period, unless a ground freeze would temporarily suspend construction. Ms. Graziano stated Ms. Hastings had updated her plan and dropped it off at the office. Ms. Gill asked about the shed at the 25 foot line. Ms. Hastings stated no one is currently living at the house as the property is up for sale. The Commission discussed

whether or not to require a property cleanup and decided against, at this time.

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to issue a positive 5, positive 2b, negative 3 determination of applicability with the following findings as outlined by Ms. Graziano. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

- **5 Ledgewood Road – RDA-23-02 – Proposal to construct an addition to the existing dwelling (bathroom) with full foundation**

John Early was present to discuss this matter. Ms. Graziano shared engineering plans on screen. Mr. Early stated he was requesting for determination of applicability of a 12x12 foot addition to the house. Ms. Graziano stated the project is at the 100 foot buffer line based on the commission's delineation line and is not going to impact the wetland if conditioned with erosion controls. Ms. Graziano recommended a positive 2b, positive 5, negative 3 for the plan. Mr. Blackwell discussed concerns with the location of the stockpile in relation to the erosion control and recommended moving the stockpile to the west side of the proposed deck as precaution. Ms. Graziano noted there didn't seem to be any obvious migration of the wetland line over time.

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to issue a positive 5, positive 2b, negative 3 determination of applicability with the following findings as outlined by Ms. Graziano. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – Land Disturbance Permit

- **135A Summer Street – proposal to construct a single family home, well with land disturbance over 20, 000 sq ft**

Tom Roche was present to discuss this matter. Ms. Graziano stated this was in relation to Article 26 of the Medway bylaw for the single family home expanding into the buffer zone, originally maintained as meadow area. Ms. Graziano noted that the ground freezing and thawing would require a site walk in April 2023 and stated Mr. Roche needs to remove erosion controls. Ms. Graziano recommended a certificate of project completion for a land disturbance permit and outlined conditions of construction, including to take down erosion controls.

VOTE: Mr. Travalini offered a motion to grant a certificate of project completion with the requirements as stated by Ms. Graziano. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Discussions

Discussion #1- Review and vote on proposed Amendment to the Order of Conditions DEP #216-1015 86 Holliston Street under Section 16 of the Medway Wetland Bylaw Regulations

Amanda Cavaliere was present to discuss this matter. Ms. Cavaliere shared the updated plan on screen. Ms. Cavaliere stated the commission had requested a field change at the previous January 12 meeting and discussed the changes to the site plan in grading differentials and added limits of

erosion control. Ms. Graziano recommended to consider this as a minor amendment under section 16.01.

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to consider this a minor amendment under 16.01 with the following conditions as outlined by Ms. Graziano. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Discussion #2 – Review draft of the document titled, “Town of Medway Guidelines for Open Space Habitat Restoration and Maintenance Work” for Conservation Lands and other Town owned lands

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

Discussion #3 - Review of proposed Tree Preservation Bylaw update, Vote to accept for Town Meeting submission

Ms. Gill discussed clarifying the bylaw in a prior meeting with Mr. Travalini and Ms. Graziano. Mr. Travalini noted the draft deadline of the 15th. Ms. Gill stated she will have a draft bylaw to discuss and review comments with the commission on Monday the 6th at 5pm.

Discussion #4 – Ratify Enforcement Orders

Ms. Graziano stated that based on the January 12 meeting she took all requirements from the last Enforcement Orders and gave new deadlines in the spring.

• 0 R Waterview/12 Waterview Drive

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to ratify the enforcement order issued on January 26, 2023 for 0 R Waterview/12 Waterview Drive. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

• 94 Milford Street

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to ratify the enforcement order issued on January 26, 2023 for 94 Milford Street. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

• 305 Village Street

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion to ratify the enforcement order issued on January 26, 2023 for 305 Village Street. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Discussion #5 – Regarding the naming of a parcel of land owned by the commission on Village Street

Mr. Travalini stated the commission previously bought property on Village Street and would like to work with the police department to put in parking. Mr. Travalini discussed plans to clean the property up with DPS and name the property after Paul Wilson, a former member of the commission when the land was purchased.

7:45PM Public Hearings

Public Hearing #1- (con't 10/27/22, 11/10/22, 12/8/22, 1/12/23) 9 Holbrook Street (DEP 216-1020) - Notice of Intent proposal to remove 15 trees from the lot

Frank Farley, Kevin Baldwin and Ryan Roseen were present to discuss this matter. Mr. Roseen shared the updated plan on screen and Ms. Graziano requested an overview. Mr. Roseen discussed the prior site visit with the commission and stated Ethical Tree Services plans to remove six trees rather than the original fifteen planned. Mr. Roseen noted they updated the diversity of plantings. Mr. Baldwin suggested shifting the planting species to include height differentials. The commission discussed crowding concerns and the number of plantings for the specified area. Ms. Graziano stated the tree plantings are required to be native species and the correct amount under section 23. Mr. Baldwin requested an updated planting quantity for the spring.

VOTE: Mr. Travlini offered a motion per the request of the applicant to continue public hearing DEP 216-10xx to the February 9 meeting at 7:45 PM. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes 7/14/22, 8/11/22, 8/25/22, 9/22/22, 10/13/22, 12/8/22, 1/12/23

VOTE: Mr. Gill offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 2022. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

VOTE: Mr. Gill offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 11, 2022. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

VOTE: Mr. Gill offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 22, 2022. Mr. Blackwell seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

VOTE: Mr. Gill offered a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 8, 2022. Mr. Travalini seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye, Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Remaining minutes 8/25/22, 10/13/2022 and 1/12/23 were not discussed at this meeting.

Agent Report

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

Chair Report

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:06 PM Mr. Green motioned to adjourn. Ms. Gill seconded this motion, which

passed unanimously. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Green: aye, McKay: aye and Travalini: aye. VOTE 5-0.

Documents Presented at the January 26, 2023 meeting

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files

Request for Determination of Applicability

• **13 Deerfield Road (22-10) - proposal to remove 8 trees of which some have Emerald Ash Borer and are dead or dying**

- WPA Form 1
- Plan titled, “Proposed Sewage Disposal System”, by Connorstone Inc, dated 2/21/78 (with hand drawing locations of trees)
- Estimate for Mass Tree LLC dated 12/16/22

Public Hearings

Public Hearing #1- (con’t 10/27/22, 11/10/22, 12/8/22) 9 Holbrook Street (DEP 216-10xx) Notice of Intent proposal to remove 15 trees from the lot

- WPA Form 3
- Plans titled, “Tree Removal Plan 9 Holbrook Street” by GLM Engineering Consultants, dated August 5, 2022
- Letter from Ethical Tree Services, dated

Discussions

Discussion #3 – Review draft of the document titled, “Town of Medway Guidelines for Open Space Habitat Restoration and Maintenance Work” for Conservation Lands and other Town owned lands

- Draft of Town of Medway Guidelines for Open Space Habitat Restoration and Maintenance

Discussion #4 – Review and vote on proposed Amendment to the Order of Conditions DEP #216-1015 86 Holliston Street under Section 16 of the Medway Wetland Bylaw Regulations

- Plans titled, “Proposed Field change 68A Main Street Medway, MA” by Guerriere and Halnon, dated December 20, 2022
- Letter from Guerriere and Halnon, dated December 22, 2022

Discussion #7 – Vote to draft a letter support the Medway Community Farm for submitting grants for wetlands and plot plan work to design farm

- Letter titled, “American Farm Land Trust” dated January 12, 2023