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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2023 – Virtual Meeting
Times are estimates only. Items may be taken out of order
7:30 p.m.
Call to order

Commissioners Present: David Travalini, Dayna Gill, David Blackwell, Mike Narducci

Conservation Agent Present: Bridget Graziano

Commissioners Present: Sean Green, Ken McKay

Call to Order: At 5:12PM, Mr. Travalini called the meeting to order. He confirmed the virtual presence of the following individuals. Blackwell: here, Gill: here, Narducci: 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

Discussions

Discussion #1 - Review of proposed Tree Preservation Bylaw update, Vote to accept for Town Meeting submission

Ms. Gill shared the proposed draft on screen. Ms. Gill started the discussion with how to define Demolition. Mr. Blackwell suggested to add language for Land Disturbance to Demolition so it's included within Construction. Ms. Graziano added a note to the draft for language. Mr. Travalini stated the draft is due Thursday February 9. Ms. Graziano added a stipulation on Zoning Setbacks for particular land parcels to Section 31.1. Ms. Gill recommended stating in the draft that every tree removed will need a permit for Land Disturbance and Construction. Ms. Graziano recommended to change the term Applicability into terms like Construction and Demolition. Ms. Gill recommended to delete section 31.2 and Ms. Graziano suggested a reorganization of sections for Scope and Applicability. Ms. Gill pointed out Emergency standards in 31.4.2 and asked the commission to discuss how to determine which projects are Emergency. Mr. Travalini stated it would affect projects on public safety ie. if a part of the roadway collapsed, where DPS would request a post-construction certificate of compliance. Ms. Graziano recommended to replace "waive" with "exempt" under the emergency project section.

Mr. Travalini stated each new tree planting should have a minimum caliper of one inch and not two inches. Ms. Gill discussed the wording of section 31.6 and Ms. Graziano suggested adding the "Tree Removal Application should be submitted to the Conservation Agent for review and determination". Ms. Gill moved to section 31.8 and Mr. Travalini recommended moving "Incentives for Retention of Trees during construction" to the beginning of the document as a purpose of the commission. Mr. Travalini stated the Bylaw must allow access to the lot. Ms. Graziano questioned if that would widen the commission's jurisdiction and Ms. Gill took the highlighted section out.

Ms. Gill discussed if the commission would want to include a Fee Schedule under section 31.9 and Mr. Travalini stated that including the Fee Schedule in the Bylaw itself would mean the Fee Schedule couldn't be changed. Mr. Travalini recommended the Fee Schedule be part of Rules and Regulations for more flexibility. Mr. Travalini suggested to add a minimum basic Fee Schedule in the Bylaw, which would leave the Fee Schedule open to changes at a later date. Ms. Graziano recommended to state the Fee Schedule will be determined by the Permitting Authority. Mr. Travalini's recommendation was to add the Fee Schedule now, prior to the deadline Thursday. Ms. Graziano suggested adding that all Appeal decisions rendered by the Conservation Commission under a joint permit filing shall meet the Appeal's requirements of the Section 31.11b. Ms. Gill requested questions from the commission. Mr. Travalini recommended presenting research on towns within the commission's local area with similar Bylaws and comparing the Fee Schedule.

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes 8/25/22, 10/13/22, 1/12/23

This item was not addressed at this meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: At 5:57PM Mr. Travalini motioned to adjourn. Blackwell: aye, Gill: aye, Narducci: aye, Travalini: aye. Vote 4-0.