

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 39 CENTRAL STREET
APPROVED: 8/1/2017**

Present: Chair Arthur Page, Vice Chair Curt Turner, Robert Garner, Judy Kehs,
Sam Streiff (arrived 7:45 pm) and Howard Vogel
Absent: Daniel Shinnick,
Attending: Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent

Opening Statement: Authorized by Wetlands Protection Act, Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, and the Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw. Meeting convened 7:30 PM (all Legal ads were read to open new agenda items at time noticed).

Administrative: Commissioners reviewed and authorized the payroll and reimbursement of various Vendor Bill requests.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Garner moved to accept the Minutes of June 20, 2017, with edits. Kehs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Vogel moved to accept the Minutes of December 1, 2015, with edits. Garner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Kehs moved to accept the Minutes of January 7, 2014. Garner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Dodge Reservation, 390 Wethersfield Street – The Commission reviewed the latest draft of the proposed Conservation Restriction. Ms. Vanessa Johnson-Hall of Essex County Greenbelt Association was in attendance to address questions from the Commission. She advised that minor edits regarding the camp portion of the property had been suggested and added. Ms. Johnson-Hall asked if the Commission would authorize submitting the current draft to Mass. Energy and Environmental Affairs for review.

Turner moved to send the draft to Mass. Energy and Environmental Affairs for review. Garner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Continued Notice of Intent application DEP #63-659 at 101 Main Street (Map 25, Parcel 92) Gerald Fandetti, owned by Firehouse Inn, LLC: Proposed construction of a 3,150 sq. ft. commercial building, parking area, access drive(s), patio, walkways, utilities, grading, and stormwater facilities possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and the 100' Vernal Pool Habitat. No one was in attendance representing

the owner. Agent Baeslack presented a written request for a continuance from the applicant's representative, John Morin of The Morin-Cameron Group.

Vogel moved to continue the hearing with permission of the applicant to the meeting of August 1, 2017. Kehs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Continued Stormwater Management Permit application SMP# 21-2017 at 101 Main Street (Map 25, Parcel 92) Gerald Fandetti, Firehouse Inn, LLC: Proposed demolition of various existing buildings and proposed construction of various commercial buildings including, but not limited to, a 3,150 sq. ft. restaurant and a 8,700 sq. ft. inn, parking areas, access ways, patios, walkways, utilities, site grading and stormwater facilities. No one was in attendance representing the owner. Agent Baeslack presented a written request for a continuance from the applicant's representative, John Morin of The Morin-Cameron Group.

Vogel moved to continue the hearing with permission of the applicant to the meeting of August 1, 2017. Kehs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Continued Notice of Intent application DEP #63-662 at 548 Wethersfield Street (Map 11, Parcel/Lot 4) William Herrick, Lucia Herrick Realty Trust: Proposed upgrade of an existing bridge (after the fact) possibly within the 200' Riverfront Area of the Mill River, Bank, 100' Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. No one was in attendance representing the owner. Agent Baeslack provided the Commission with some revisions that needed to be made to the plans. The changes did not affect the project. He recommended closing the public hearing and issuing an Order of Conditions contingent upon receipt of a revised plan.

Turner moved to close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions contingent upon receipt of a revised plan with conditions as discussed. Streiff seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Status Reports: Permits & Enforcement

Prospect Hill - Mr. Stephen Comley Sr. of *We the People* was in attendance and asked for a status on the Prospect Hill project. The Commission advised the project was substantially completed with the exception of a few minor items. Mr. Comley stated he was still investigating the project and was concerned about increasing project costs. The Commission advised him that those concerns did not fall under the Commission's purview and should be taken up with the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment:

Accomplished at 8:10 PM by a motion made by Turner. Vogel seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent