

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES of MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
TOWN HALL ANNEX, 39 CENTRAL STREET
APPROVED: 10/4/2022

Present: Chair Daniel Shinnick, Vice Chair Sam Streiff, Howard Terrien, Howard Vogel and Ann Witzig
Absent: Jena Haag
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 at 7:30 PM (all Legal ads were read to open new agenda items at time noticed). This remote meeting held pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order, as Extended on July 16, 2022, with the Governor’s signing of An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations which extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2023. The public may not physically attend this meeting, but every effort will be made to allow the public to view the meeting in real time.

Administrative: The Commission approved the payroll and/or vendor bills which had been distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Vogel moved to accept the Minutes of August 23, 2022. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Acceptance of Minutes: After the Commission reviewed the minutes, Streiff moved to accept the Minutes of July 11, 2006. Witzig seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Request for Determination of Applicability at 944 Haverhill Street (Map 4, Parcel 15, Lot 2) filed by Lawrence Cassenti of Chrislar Horse Farm: Proposed activities include maintaining outdoor training ring and paths, existing drainage structures, and horse tracks; pruning; and repair, replacement, and addition of fences within 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Intermittent Stream, Inland Bank, and DEP Approved Groundwater Protection Area Zone II. The hearing could not be opened due to the legal notice not being published on September 7, 2022.

The next two hearings were opened concurrently:

Continued Notice of Intent DEP #63-0737 at 236-240 Newburyport Turnpike (Map 13, Parcel/Lot 11 and Parcel 12, Lot 2) filed by Kristin Carlson of Harborlight Community Partners: Proposed construction of an infiltration basin, walkway, fencing, removal of invasive plant species, and restoration planting of native species with grading associated with a Supportive Senior Housing Development within the 100' Buffer Zone of Bordering

Vegetated Wetlands. Mr. Michael DeRosa of DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Ms. April Ferraro of RJ O'Connell and Ms. Kristin Carlson of Harborlight Community were in attendance on behalf of the Applicant. Mr. DeRosa reviewed the plan revisions and advised that they anticipated approval from H.L. Graham Associates on the following day. Agent Baeslack requested that the erosion control be extended and Ms. Ferraro agreed. There was a discussion regarding the project construction phasing and the restoration work. It was agreed that a condition would be included that required submittal of the construction sequence for review and approval prior to the start of work. In addition, monitoring of the restoration work and invasive species control would be included. Agent Baeslack requested that the plan be revised to show the erosion control extension on the northern side boundary line.

Witzig moved to issue an Order of Conditions for DEP #63-0737 with conditions as discussed. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Continued Stormwater Management Permit #54-2022 at 236-240 Newburyport Turnpike (Map 13, Parcel 11 and Parcel 12, Lot 2) filed by Kristin Carlson of Harborlight Community Partners: Proposed construction of a Supportive Senior Housing Development with demolition of an existing structure, four new buildings (20,550 sq. ft.), a garage, terraces, associated parking, access way, utilities and grading. Total site disturbance is approximately 115,000 square feet with approximately 800 square feet at a slope greater than 15%. Discussion and project conditioning expressed in previous agenda item.

Streiff moved to issue a Stormwater Management Permit #54-2022 with conditions as discussed. Witzig seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjournment:

Accomplished 8:05 PM by a motion made by Streiff. Terrien seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent