

**MINUTES – CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016 6:00 p.m.
MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 138
870 MORaine ST., MARSHFIELD, MA**

Approved 8-16-16 5-0-0

Members present: Frank Woodfall (FW), William Levin (WL), Chad Haitisma (CH), Bert O'Donnell (BO'D) and Jay Wennemer, Conservation Agent (JW). Robert Conlon, Chairman (RC) and James Kilcoyne (JK) were not present.

WL motioned to open the meeting, FW second, passed 4-0-0.

MINUTES

BUSINESS

- Vote & sign Orders of Conditions for closed hearings (if projects are voted closed and/or the Commission is prepared to vote)
 1. SE42-2605 MA DCR, Magoun/Oakman/Hatch/Mounce Ponds
 2. SE42-2607 Pomerantz, 56 Bartlett's Island Way
 3. SE42-2603 Hart, 102 Preston Terrace
 4. SE42-2608 Dickinson, 938 Summer StreetFW okay with draft orders of conditions for all of the above. FW motion to approve all, WL second, motion passed 4-0-0.
- Scheduled Meetings: May 10th & May 24th

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

Backburner: (until problems are resolved)

1. 1658 Heaney, 29 Farragut Road
2. 2324 Wallace, 110 Damon's Point Road
3. 1090 Peterson, 219 Ridge Road
4. 1827 L. L. Smith, 60 Macomber's Ridge
5. REQPC-1925, Cushing Construction (Parsonage St.) Garden Gate
6. 2381 NSTAR, Pine Street
7. 1318 Darman, Chestnut Hill Trust, Holly Road
8. 2546 Hutchinson, 499 Union Street

Current:

1. SE42-2596 Howes, 110 Riverside Circle

REQUESTS FOR DEVIATION

REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6:00 2609 Howard, 18 9th Road – WL read notice of public hearing. FW hearing officer. Mrs. Howard present and representing neighbors joining in the project (Bonasia, Brown, Ryan, Beagan). Mrs. Ryan explained that all their back yards back into each other. Existing wall was built in the 1970's, is no higher than 3' high. It is presently in disrepair and the neighbors are requesting permission to replace the east side wall, which is at grade. Any flow from the ocean is free to go over the wall and flow down. Would like to replace cinderblock wall with Allan blocks. Neighbors have agreed to go in together to replace the wall. Not going to alter anything, just remove the old block. Not going to be higher. Don't have a contractor yet, but they have three quotes.

JW stated the old existing concrete block wall that's falling down, if not replaced, will change the landscape of the properties involved. Checked with Greg DeCesare at DEP – since it is existing and in exact location he did not have an issue. DEP assured JW it can be done due to the nature of the size. JW said the blocks are not going to be grouted together. The Rorke estimate seems reasonable Mrs. Howard said. JW said the wall will be higher and drop off behind, will not block flow at all. Marlene Howard, neighbor and relative, stated it would be risky if that land starts to wash away. FW motion to close, WL second, passed 4-0-0.

6:00 2606 Harvey, 37 Acorn Street – applicant has requested a continuance to 5/10/16. WL motioned, FW second, motion passed to continue the meeting to 5/10/16 at 7:25 p.m.

6:00 RDA 16-03 Wildland's Trust, Careswell/Webster Streets - CH motion to waive reading legal ad. No second. FW read notice of public hearing. Ryan Krapp of Wildlands Trust present. He explained that Wildlands has received a grant from the State for the raised wooden walkways through Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, construction of wooden bridges over streams, hand clearing the understory and small trees to create new trails, hand pruning shrub overgrowth and tree limbs to restore existing trails, expanding and improving existing dirt parking area by cutting brush and small trees, and re-grading with gravel fill. Hoyt/Hall Preserve – currently no public access. Wildlands has owned it since 2000. Town of Marshfield acquired Archer property that now enables Wildlands to develop a full loop around the property. Portions of the trails went into private property. DCR program to do this work, parking area at turnoff to Careswell, busy area. Surveyed area – invasive stuff and dump area. One small tree that might be taken out, put up split rail fence. CH suggested maybe opening up a few trees for visibility purposes to the parking area right off Careswell. Mr. Krapp said that would not be a problem. WL asked what the ponds name is; Mr. Krapp said he doesn't think it has one.

Mr. Krapp said Wildlands also had to present to Fish & Wildlife. There are existing trails on the property – shown on map. On the very north is well protection area. Would stay far away from the well area, would divert people away from that. It'll make the well area less obvious, therefore less attractive.

CH asked if the grant budget includes maintenance. Mr. Krapp said it's on Trust property, and the Winslow house has lent their support. They also have volunteer days every two weeks or so. Have a full time staff position. BO'D asked if they're fully on board with it; Mr. Krapp said they are. JW noted Wildlands Trust can come out and help the Town with maintenance of the trails for a fee – pretty good timing.

Mr. Krapp said they are offering services to small municipalities for a minimal fee. Four water crossings, page 10, small 2' area outflow. Wildlife Protection area up there, critters can crawl under them. JW – Wildlands Trust, Water Dept. and Conservation – need permission.

WL asked if there is a structure to use to put in a kayak; Mr. Krapp said there is a little beachy area that people use. Won't need any clearing. They are excited about re-establishing their trails and the route going up to the Winslow House. With those grant monies we can put in signage and kiosks. All the land partners involved.

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JW said there are exemptions under the Wetlands Protection Act which allow walking trails, small board walks through wetland areas, and suggested a Negative Determination #3, no further action necessary
BOD motioned to issue the Negative # 3, FW second, passed 4-0-0. BOD said the recreational trails committee should have this information.

FW motion to adjourn at 7:00 to allow attendance at Town Meeting, WL second, motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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