

APPROVED 1/8/2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023
RESOURCE ROOM

Attendance: Chair Tracy Sharkey, Vice chair Katiegrace Dudley (remote), Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, Steve Zisk Conservation Agent

Absent: Joe Fitzpatrick

Tracy Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Discussion:

1. (0:15 TS) Mail/Orders to be signed:
 - Shore Road complaint – Commission skipped over

New Business:

2. (1:55 TS) 7:00 PM (RDA) Public Meeting: Request for Determination of Applicability, Town of Douglas Highway Department, South St Right-of-Way, repair and upgrade stormwater management infrastructure – Possible Votes
Applicant is requesting permission to repair and upgrade stormwater management infrastructure as part of a roadway reconstruction project. Matthew Benoit Community Development Director is presenting the proposed drainage improvements along South Street from Thomas Circle from approximately 195 South Street with approximately 10 culverts with associated swales. Dave Glenn with Stantec to answer any questions the Commission might have. Mr. Benoit stated that before the drainage issues came up South Street was up for reconstruction and paving using chapter 90 funds, but some concerns came up about the drainage from some residents and a drainage study was done, voted, and approved at the last fall town meeting. An RDA was filed because all of the work is existing within the right-of-way and they have met with the residents and received their comments. Mr. Glenn listed what work would be done and went over the plans with the commission. Mr. Benoit wanted to express to the Commission that John and Adam Furno were unable to attend the meeting tonight and that they are in support of this project.
(9:35 TS) Motion to issue a negative RDA made by Mark Mungeam, 2nd by Eric Harris. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

Discussion:

3. (10:00 TS) Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2023 – Possible Votes
(10:30 TS) Motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2023, as written made by Mike Greco, 2nd by Eric Harris. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.
4. (11:05 TS) Updates:
 - CRG, 105 & 123 Gilboa St (DEP #143-1042) – NO UPDATE
 - BWC Whitin Reservoir, 45 Oak Street (DEP #143-0989) – is requesting an extension on their order.

(12:00 TS) Motion to grant the 3-year extension for 45 Oak Street made by Mike Greco, 2nd by Eric Harris. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

- Brian Keevan, 41 Pine Street Donation from 2014 – Steve Zisk showed the Commission examples of the signage, and he sent them over to the family over the weekend but hasn't heard back from them yet. Lisa Mosczynski asked if there was any discussion on the location of the sign on that property. Mr. Zisk stated that it will be going somewhere near the right-of-way and the parking easement. Ms. Mosczynski stated that there needs to be some tree clearing done and a portion of a stonewall removed to make room for the sign.

(17:40 TS) Motion to accept the suggested language on the sign contingent on Brian Keevan's approval made by Mark Mungeam, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

- Town Conservation Land Properties – Mr. Zisk stated that this was asked to be put on the agenda because the properties have not been mowed in a couple years and they can start getting proposals for the next fiscal year to have them start being maintained regularly. Mark Mungeam reminded Mr. Zisk about getting him a waiver to clear some trees to be able to walk the properties.

5. (19:20 TS) Shore Road complaint

There was an anonymous complaint with pictures that the Commission received, and Ms. Sharkey would suggest to the Commission that they pay for Art Allen to go out to see if any activities were jurisdictional. Mr. Zisk showed the Commission the pictures.

(23:45 TS) Motion to request an estimate to have the complaint evaluated to determine if there was a violation and if so, what was the violation made by Katiegrace Dudley, 2nd by Mark Mungeam. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

6. (24:45 TS) Review/Discussion on culvert plan for 115 Shore Road

- Supplemental Documentation Submitted to the Conservation Commission
 - Email and documents from Cliff Van Reed
 - Emails and documents from Madeleine Meyers
 - Email and documents from Jeanne Lawrence
 - Letter from Robert and Diane Miller
 - Emails and documents from Glenn Krevosky
 - Peer review report from Graves Engineering, Inc.

The engineer with Alpha Omega Engineering went over the changes to the plan with the Commission that were requested by Jeff Walsh with Graves Engineering and showed the plans to the Commission. Mr. Walsh reviewed the profile and stated that there is a high spot in front of the northern driveway and looks to be about 4 tenths of a foot higher than it should be from what this road probably had for a grade years ago, and it needs to come down about 4 tenths of a foot. Jeff Walsh will oversee the construction and the engineer will notify Mr. Walsh when it starts.

(34:00 TS) Motion to approve the plan as submitted on May 25, 2023, made by Katiegrace, 2nd by Mark Mungeam. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

Old Business:

7. (34:30 TS) 7:00 PM (NOI – DEP #143-1076) Public Hearing Continued: Notice of Intent: Legacy Circle, Map 166 Lot 15 (Site Access Drive), Peter Michael Business Park, McIntyre Loam, Inc. – Possible Votes

Jeff Walsh stated that he hasn't put his eyes on anything yet, but his understanding is that the culvert was widened from 12 feet to 14 feet and there were additional check dams put in the

swales, which were his primary concerns in the first review. Mike Dryden with Allen Engineering stated that they did everything that Mr. Walsh requested and made the necessary changes, and the revised plan was dated May 22, 2023. Mr. Dryden went over the changes that Commission requested and what was added to the plan. There was discussion of adding a guardrail and Mr. Dryden stated that it is not required because there is no public access, and the applicant stated that he is not opposed to adding a guardrail.

(53:15 TS) Motion to continue the public hearing to June 26, 2023, at 7 PM made by Mark Mungeam, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

8. (53:45 TS) 7:00 PM (RDA) Public Meeting Continued: Request for Determination of Applicability, 45 Martin Road, Southwick Brook (Intermittent Stream Determination) Map 169 Lot 23 – Possible Votes

The applicant requested a continuance.

(54:15 TS) Motion to continue the RDA to June 26, 2023, at 7 PM made by Mike Greco, 2nd by Mark Mungeam. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

(55:00 TS) Mark Mungeam stated that last week Bob Minarik came by and spoke about the access road to the school and there was some discussion about erosion and erosion protections. Mr. Mungeam went to see the site this evening to see what kind of erosion has taken place and stated that there is a little bit of erosion on the northern side and would like to see maybe a small basin with some riprap in that area. The Commission would like to request a proposed solution to prevent the erosion.

Upcoming Meetings: June 26, 2023 & July 17, 2023

(57:15 TS) Motion to adjourn made by Mark Mungeam, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Eric Harris, Mike Greco, Mark Mungeam, KG Dudley all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin