

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
RESOURCE ROOM

Attendance: Vice chair Jim Foran, Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Matt Benoit Community Development Director, Sam with Ecosystem Solutions

Absent: Chair Mark Mungeam (excused)

Jim Foran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Old Business:

1. (0:45 TS) 6:30 PM (NOI – DEP #143-1115) Public Hearing Continued: Notice of Intent: Anthony & Denise Brookhouse, 35 Wallis St, (Single Family), Map 185 Lot 10 – Possible votes
Mark Allen with Allen Engineering representing the applicants and reported they received the DEP # and gave an update and progress of the project and provided photos of the site. They discussed whether to issue a partial or full certificate of compliance for the old DEP #. Jim Foran closed the public hearing.
(8:10 TS) Motion to issue a full certificate of compliance for DEP #143-1020 for 35 Wallis Street, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.
(10:00 TS) Motion to issue an order of conditions for 35 Wallis Street DEP # 143-1115 with standard special conditions made by Mike Greco, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Jim Foran all in favor, Josiah Burch abstained.
2. (13:10 TS) 6:30 PM (NOI – DEP #143-1112) Public Hearing Continued: Notice of Intent: Christopher Bettencourt, 0 Perry St, (Fire Road), Map 269 Lot 13 & 14 – Possible votes
Matt Benoit stated that prior to the continuance at the previous meeting Mr. Bettencourt stated that they need substantial time to get their plans revised.
(13:55 TS) Motion to continue the public hearing for 0 Perry Street, to December 2, 2024, made by Josiah Burch, 2nd by Brendan Doyle. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.

Enforcement Orders:

3. (16:00 TS) 4 Birch St Enforcement Order – Matt Benoit showed photos of the site again and stated that he was incorrect previously and there was seeding done and hay laid down and the leaves were hiding this from site before. The property owner will further stabilize in the spring and Matt Benoit recommends voting to rescind the \$200 fine and lift the enforcement order since he did the work.
(18:10 TS) Motion to rescind the fine for 4 Birch Street as well as lift the enforcement order made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.
4. (19:10 TS) 56 Lakeshore Drive Enforcement Order – There is no update on this, they are moving forward with the rocks.
5. (19:30 TS) Lakeshore Drive Enforcement Order (Road) – There was a site walk done with DEP on October 23, 2024, and they are hoping that DEP will take the reins on this but they have not heard back from DEP yet.
6. (20:10 TS) CRG, 105 &123 Gilboa St (DEP #143-1042) – Brandon Faneuf says it looks great and going well. Matt Benoit stated that it is still on the agenda because there is still a notice of intent with and order of conditions that has not been closed out yet.

Certificate of Compliance & Extensions:

7. (20:55 TS) Request for Certificate of Compliance, (DEP #143-1020), Anthony & Denise Brookhouse, 35 Wallis St, Map 185 Lot 10 – Possible votes
This was taken care of with agenda item one.
8. (21:00 TS) Request for Certificate of Compliance, (DEP #143-1089), Brad Reardon, 36 Birch Hill Rd, Map 284 Lot 20 – Possible votes
Tom Brenick for Brad Reardon and explained the house was sold last week and they are just looking for the certificate of compliance, Matt Benoit showed photos of the site, and he recommends issuing a full certificate of compliance.
(25:30 TS) Motion to issue a full certificate of compliance for 36 Birch Hill Road made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Josiah Burch. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.
9. (26:40 TS) Request for Certificate of Compliance, (DEP #143-0355), Robert & Debra Minarik, 107 Cedar Street, Map 184 Lot 1 – Possible votes
This is an old notice of intent that a certificate of compliance was never issued.
(30:05 TS) Motion to issue a full certificate of compliance for 107 Cedar Street, made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Kate Thompson. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.

Other:

10. (31:25 TS) Mail/Orders to be Signed
11. (31:40 TS) Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
The Commissions determination of applicability for 206 West Street has been appealed by Mass DEP, they will do a site to determine whether they want to supersede the Commissions determination or just add conditions to it.
12. (33:30 TS) Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2024, May 20, 2024 & August 19, 2024 – Possible votes
(35:35 TS) Motion to approve the May 13, 2024, meeting minutes as written made by Brendan Doyle, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.
(38:05 TS) Motion to approve the May 20, 2024, meeting minutes as amended made by Kate Thompson, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Jim Foran all in favor, Josiah Burch abstained.
(42:55 TS) Motion to approve the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes as amended made by Josiah Burch, 2nd by Mike Greco. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor, Kate Thompson abstained.

Upcoming Meetings: November 18, 2024 & December 2, 2024

(45:15 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Josiah Burch, 2nd by Brendan Doyle. Roll call vote – Brendan Doyle, Kate Thompson, Mike Greco, Josiah Burch, Jim Foran all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin