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Monday, May 10, 1999  
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Attendance

Ed Breault (Chairman), Patrick Corcoran (Vice-Chairman)  
Jeff Houde, Dana Rappaneau, Leonard Silvia, Bob Medeiros

Julian Kadish was absent

Minutes

The members reviewed the draft minutes of April 27, 1999. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

The members reviewed a Notice of Intent – **The Park at Great Woods Corporation, Alice Guiney – parcels 16, 18, 19, 19-01, 19-02, 19-03, 19-04, 19-05, 19-06, 19-07, 19-08, 19-09, 19-10, 20 20-01, 21, 21-01, 23-08, 23-09, 23-11, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 39-01, 39-02, 39-03, 39-04, 39-05, 39-06, 39-07 and 40 (assessors map 8), parcels 40, 288 & 292 (assessors map 9) and parcels 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 29 & 34-01 (assessors map 15) – Route 140, Mansfield Avenue (continued from the April 12, 1999 meeting)** – for a proposed project that will entail the construction of an access road, installation of utilities within the roadway to service a commercial park, and construction of a stormwater management system to service the access road. Work proposed within wetland resource areas includes the construction of an access road across two wetland systems, the construction of portions of the stormwater management system and a replacement wetland area within Riverfront Area, and the temporary disturbance of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with the construction of a retaining wall. The proposed work in wetland resource areas can be permitted as Limited Project road crossings necessary to access otherwise inaccessible developable upland areas on the site. Permanent wetland impacts will be mitigated through the construction of three replacement wetlands, providing a combined area of approximately 26,800 square feet. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to close the public hearing. Approved. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to accept the Order of Conditions as written. Approved.

The members reviewed a Request for a Determination of Applicability – **Town of Norton Water Department – Barrows and Freeman Streets** – for proposed plans that involve the installation of approximately 9800 linear feet of 12" water mains along Barrows and Freeman Streets, portions of which will be within the 100' buffer zone of wetlands. The project will upgrade the existing water distribution system. Randy Christensen of Dufresne Henry represented the applicant at the meeting. Approximately 1500 linear feet of the water mains will be installed within the buffer zone. The work may be performed along Barrows Street or Freeman Street, or both, depending on funding. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to close the public hearing. Approved. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with conditions, and that the general contractor for the project meet with the Director prior to the start of work. Approved.



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The members reviewed a Request for a Determination of Applicability – **Henry Bobek – parcel 516 (assessors map 3) and parcel 38 (assessors map 9) 39 Lantern Lane** – for proposed plans to construct a 2-story 36' x 20' addition which includes a family room, 3 season room, stair and deck below and a master bedroom suite and sunroom above within wetlands. Henry Bobek represented himself at the public meeting. The Commission members stated that hay bales and a silt fence must be installed 15 feet from the high water mark of the reservoir. Dana Rappaneau made a motion, seconded by Leonard Silvia, to close the public meeting. Approved. Dana Rappaneau made a motion, seconded by Leonard Silvia, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with conditions. Approved.

The members reviewed a Request for a Determination of Applicability – **Claire A. Coulombe – parcel 41-01 (assessors map 14) 184 North Worcester Street** – for proposed plans to clear tree debris, remove tree stumps with a backhoe and/or stumpgrinder, chip branches and remove tall white pine trees within 100 feet of wetlands. Claire Coulombe represented herself at the public meeting. Dana Rappaneau stated that he had been called in on enforcement and found that a number of trees had been cut down and that a backhoe was in the water. The applicant stated that she had damaged trees taken down and wanted a large white pine removed in case it falls. A brook and a small pond are located near the project. The applicant also stated that she was not sure whether a stumpgrinder would be used or that the stumps would be cut flush with the ground. The Commission members stated that hay bales and a silt fence must be installed along the brook and pond, and that the applicant must inform the Conservation Commission as to whether a stumpgrinder will be used or if the stumps would be cut, prior to the start of work. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Leonard Silvia, to close the public meeting. Approved. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Jeff Houde, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with conditions. Approved.

The members reviewed a Request for a Determination of Applicability – **John R. Medeiros – parcel 170 (assessors map 12) Bay Road** – for proposed plans to construct a single family house and amenities within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. John Medeiros represented himself at the public meeting. The Commission members stated that a silt fence must be installed in the buffer zone to protect the wetlands between flags #92-0 and #89-8 as shown on the plan. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to close the public meeting. Approved. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with conditions. Approved.

The members reviewed a request filed by **Chilmark Company** for a partial Certificate of Compliance for **bldrs. lot 22, parcel 346 (assessors map 4) Keene Way (part of the original parcel 190 – Kingsley and Kensington Road) File #250-382**. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to issue the partial Certificate of Compliance. Approved.

The members reviewed a request by Mr. Steve Holmes of Polaroid Corporation to be put on the agenda to submit plans showing the transfer of two parcels of land and stating that this transfer would not be conditioned by condition #13 of the Amended Order of Conditions for this project (file #250-417). Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to place Mr. Holmes on the agenda. Approved. The transfer of land is shown on plan ANR Plan, Mansfield Avenue, Norton, MA dated 12/28/98, revised on 3/30/99 and 4/6/99. The parcels involved are 1A and 2A. Lot 1A is to be given to the Polaroid Corporation in exchange for Lot 2A to be received by Mr. Bill Cummings. The transfer would result in a more uniform property boundary near the building and a net loss of 61,298 sq. ft. of land subject to the Notice of Intent and Order of Conditions. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to allow the transfer without changing the Amended Order of Conditions. Approved.

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The members reviewed a request by **Dennis Gorman – parcel 157 (assessors map 31) 186 John Scott Boulevard** to do maintenance work within the buffer zone without a new permit. Mr. Gorman represented himself at the meeting and stated that the work will be done by hand. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to allow the maintenance work to be done by hand. Approved.

The members reviewed a request by **Bruce Levy of 15 King Phillip Road** to be placed on the agenda. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to place Bruce Levy on the agenda. Approved. Mr. Levy stated that he plans to construct a deck with four 8-inch posts to be installed by hand. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to allow the installation of the deck posts by hand. Approved. Mr. Levy also stated that he planned to install a dock. The Commission members stated that a floating dock would require a permit to be issued by the Town of Norton, and a secured dock would require a permit to be issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, that the Conservation Commission has no objections to the installation of a floating dock. Approved.

The members heard a report from Dana Rappaneau concerning the former **Balfour** property near the intersection of West Main Street and South Worcester Street, **parcels 125 & 126 (assessors map 26) 320 West Main Street (files DET. #586 & DET. #625– John Dubuc)**. Dana Rappaneau and Jeff Houde inspected the site and found that the driveway had been finished with asphalt without the prior approval of the Conservation Commission, and that runoff from the driveway is directed to a catch basin that discharges storm water to the river without treatment. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Leonard Silvia, to issue a letter advising the owner of the property of the concerns of the Conservation Commission, and that the owner appear before the Conservation Commission with an engineer to ensure that the water entering the river is clean. Approved.

Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patrick D. Corcoran  
Vice-Chairman