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Monday, July 22, 2002
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Attendance

Bob Medeiros (Chairman), Julian Kadish (Vice-Chairman),
Neil Linehan, Kathleen Giblin,
Jennifer Carlino, Director

Jeff Houde was absent.

Minutes

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (misc.). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to pay the bills. Approved.

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc.). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to pay the bill. Approved.

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (Pare Engineering). Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to pay the bill. Approved.

The members reviewed a Notice of Intent – **Ronald & Janet O'Reilly – Parcels 38-01 & 38-02 (assessors map 26) 29 Union Road** – for proposed plans to remove invasive species from the edge of Chartley Pond and clear vegetation within the buffer zone. Orlando Diablo, Attorney for the applicant, presented the project to the members. Jennifer Carlino stated that this filing was related to the complaint that was filed against the applicant by the Precourts. She also said that DEP would not have time to inspect this site at this time. She said they suggested letting the wetland areas grow back and for the Conservation Commission to monitor the areas for the next two years. Bud Precourt of 27 Union Road, an abutter to this property stated that the applicants should not be allowed to continue cutting within the wetlands. Julian Kadish stated that the applicant would be cutting purple loosestrife from the wetlands. The additional clearing near the barn is approximately 75 feet from the wetlands. Kevin Schleicher asked if DEP would be doing an on-site inspection and Bob Medeiros stated that they would not. He then had questions regarding using silt fences and haybales. Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to close the public hearing. Approved. Jennifer Carlino stated that the conditions were not ready and would be finished for the next meeting of Monday, August 12, 2002.

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The members reviewed a Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – **(#250-542) – Easecat Ltd. Partnership – Parcels 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 207, 208 & 219 (assessors map 21) Anna Way/Shelly Road – (cont. from the July 8, 2002 mtg.)** - for verification of Wetland Resource Areas. Dan Aguiar, Civil Engineer for Sitec Engineering presented the project to the members. Also present was Ronald Tourowitz of Easecat Ltd. Jennifer Carlino stated that the stream was not shown on the plans. She also stated that the Wetland Flag “E” series were the flags that needed the most revisions. Mr. Aguiar said he would submit revised plans showing the stream. Jennifer Carlino stated that Sitec Engineering would be checking out the several changes suggested by her and then revise the submitted plans to reflect the changes. Bob Medeiros read a letter with several concerns submitted by and abutter, Richard Gomes. A copy of this letter was given to Dan Aguiar. Jennifer Carlino stated that after another site inspection of this site with the revised plans, she could answer these questions more accurately. Mike O’Brien of 9 Shelly Road had a question for Mr. Tourowitz as to whether or not they had plans to cross over a particular wetland site that he pointed out. In answer to Mr. O’Brien’s question, Mr. Aguiar replied that he did not want to cross this section of wetland unless it was absolutely necessary and there was no alternative route. The members requested that he look at a cluster proposal. Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to continue the public hearing, in order to receive revised plans, until the next regular meeting of Monday, August 12, 2002 at 7:55 pm. Approved.

The members reviewed a Modification to **File #250-440 – Parcel 15 (assessors map 35) Dean Street**. John F. Vance, Jr. presented a brief history of this project to the members. He stated the two main modifications were a well and changing the deck of the already approved bridge from wood to concrete. He then submitted a letter requesting the modifications. He stated that the house and septic system were moved out of the buffer zone. Jennifer Carlino stated that she had heard from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and got a verbal approval for the concrete bridge. She said that a letter would be sent to confirm their conversation. Jennifer Carlino also stated that the original Order of Conditions would not need to be amended. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin to close the public hearing. Approved. Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to approve the modification of a concrete deck for the bridge. Approved.

The members reviewed a Notice of Intent – **Town of Norton – (#250-538) - Parcel 8 (assessors map 26) Chartley Pond Dam/South Worcester Street** – for proposed plans to install a new gate at the Chartley Pond dam. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Neil Linehan, to waive the reading of the legal notice. Approved. Matt Bellisle of Pare Engineering presented the project to the members. He stated that the project’s goal is to improve the operability of the dam. The timber stock blocks are very difficult to handle. He stated that after doing a study of the project, it was their intent to utilize the two existing bays without changing the geometry of the concrete structure. One of the bays will have aluminum stock blocks with a lifting mechanism and a gate will be installed to make it easier to operate during storm events. He stated that two gates cannot be installed because the gates have to open from the bottom up and because of this, after each storm, the gates would have to be continually adjusted. Using one gate and the aluminum stock blocks, it will be easier to operate the dam by removing and replacing the blocks as needed. He said that during their inspection, another section of the dam, thought to be abandoned, was found to still be operationable. He stated that as the second part of this project, this section of the dam would be fully abandoned. He said that the only reason for

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the filing of this Notice of Intent is because a portion of this work is within the buffer zone. Kathleen Giblin had concerns with the proposed work disturbing the day care located on the corner of South Worcester Street. Mr. Bellisle replied that all the work would take place on the roadway and not near the day care. He suggested to notify the day care of when the work would commence, as a matter of courtesy, and recommended suggesting to them that inside activities be held for a couple of days while the work was being done. He also suggested to give them the option of paying for so many cubic yards of flowable fill to prevent future sink holes in the area nearest to them. Bob Medeiros agreed to have a letter sent to the day care business. Bob Medeiros suggested to add a condition that the Conservation Commission prefers cofferdams without metal sheeting. Mr. Bellisle stated that the gate will have a removable wheel that will be held by the Conservation Commission. Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to close the public hearing. Approved. Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to sign and issue the Order of Conditions as written.

The members reviewed a minor modification to **File #250-529 – Lynn Sicola – Parcel 100 (assessors map 31) Parker Street**. Jennifer Carlino stated that this was a very minor modification and she gave them the approval to start work. The house and garage were flipped and there is no further alteration of the buffer zone. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Neil Linehan, to approve the modification as presented by the Director with a letter submitted to the Commission stating the modification. Approved.

Jennifer Carlino stated that the site walk with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) went well regarding the Strawberry Fields project appeal. She said that they agreed with the wetland boundaries and would not be asking for any additional information. She said that she asked DEP to affirm the Order of Conditions instead of writing their own superceding Order of Conditions and gave them a list of the most important conditions that she wanted to keep. DEP told Jennifer Carlino that it would be one and a half to two months before the conditions would be ready.

Jennifer Carlino stated that she received a letter from The Friends of Wheaton Farm stating that they did a wildlife habitat evaluation for Wheaton Farm and found several wildlife corridors through Norton. She suggested to keep this in mind when updating the Open Space Plan and also when doing land acquisitions.

Jennifer Carlino noted the Fall Town Meeting would be held on October 7, 2002 at 7:00 pm. She stated the the Article for the White Street property had been changed incorrectly.

Neil Linehan made a motion, seconded by Kathleen Giblin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Carlino

Conservation Director