



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Attendance

Jeff Houde (Chairman), Bob Medeiros,
Julian Kadish, Ed Breault, Dana Rappaneau,
Carlos Fragata, Conservation Director
Absent from the meeting was Leonard Silvia
(Vice Chairman)

Minutes

The members reviewed a Notice of Intent filed by E.M. Duggan Realty Trust for lot 515 (assessors map 10), No. Washington St. for proposed plans to construct a roadway and related utilities for access and egress to accommodate a 10 lot residential subdivision. Portions of said work will commence within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The Conservation Commission wanted to see a redesign of the plan eliminating the leaching structures in order to create an artificial wetland and also calculations for an isolated area. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to close the Public Hearing. Approved.

The members reviewed the Request for a Determination of Applicability filed by John G. Walsh for lots 3 & 4, parcel 78 (assessors map 17), Plain Street for proposed plans to construct two single family houses involving excavation, filling and grading within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. On lot 3 the house is within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone and within 3 or 4 ft. from the floodplain and the septic system is out of the 100 ft. Buffer Zone and Floodplain. The applicant stated that the house type has changed and that the house foundation would be situated differently. The project on lot 4 was reviewed and met with the Commission's satisfaction. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to continue the Public Meeting until July 24th at 8:10 pm when revised plans would be submitted for lot 3. The applicant agreed to a continuance of the Public Meeting. Approved.

Members reviewed a Request for a Determination filed by P & A Construction for lot 3, parcel 36-01 (assessors map 17) Cross Street for proposed plans to construct a single family house, driveway, well and grading within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.

Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Ed Breault to close the Public Meeting. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Ed Breault to issue a negative Determination. Approved. Bob Medeiros abstained from voting on this project.

Members reviewed a Notice of Intent filed by Mass. Highway Dept. for Rt. 140 - from the Mansfield Town Line to the Taunton Town Line for proposed plans which involve drainage, cold planing, resurfacing, sidewalk reconstruction and related items necessary to rehabilitate Route 140 in the Town of Norton, portions of which proposed work is within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Jim McCloughlin and another representative for Mass. Highway were present. They both considered the project as one of maintainance. Cold planer to be used in the rehabilitation of Route 140 and some rip rap is to be placed in eroded areas near the Mansfield Town Line. Norton Reservoir mitigation was planned, using bituminous concrete and bermed leaching catch basins with sumps at the causeway. There will be no work performed in the reservoir and no vegetation to be cut. They stated that Kathy Romero went on an onsite walk with representatives from Mass. Highway Dept. in April. Rip rap is planned on the bank near the rail road tracks. A silt fence also is to be used. The work on the bridge, according to the applicant's representative, Mr. Jim McCloughlin, is exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act but will only intail surface work. The Conservation Director will go onsite to discuss specific areas where siltation barriers will be needed. The Commission was concerned with stormwater quality issues at Norton Reservoir as shown on Sheet 5 and the leaching catch basins proposed. An abutter was concerned about the area of the New Testament Church at the intersection of Old Taunton Ave. and Woodward St. as shown on Sheet 3 of 10. The Chairman stated that the Conservation Director could act as a liaison to assist the abutter with Mass. Highway. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros to close the Public Hearing and issue the Order of Conditions. Approved.


Members reviewed a request for a Certificate of Compliance and bond release letter filed by Bob Medeiros, RCM Construction (DET.- #366) for lot 38, map 14, Laura Lane. Bob Medeiros abstained from voting. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to issue the Certificate and Bond Release letter. Approved.

Members reviewed a request for a Certificate of Compliance and bond release letter filed by Bob Medeiros, RCM Construction (DET.- #383) for lot 11, map 14, Robsan Place. Bob Medeiros abstained from voting. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to issue the Certificate and bond release letter. Approved.

Julian Kadish mentioned that at the Watershed/Lakes Management Association conference it was noted that a grass roots effort was needed for long term Watershed/Lake Management Projects. Julian Kadish also mentioned that the smell has decreased and the water quality has improved at the Norton Reservoir, however, nutrient overloads continue to feed the algae. Once the algae disappears, invading aquatic plants will ultimately displace the algae.

Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Dana Rappaneau, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Carlos T. B. Fragata
Conservation Director

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