



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Monday, February 24, 1997
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Attendance

Jeff Houde (Chairman), Ed Breault (Vice-Chairman)
Bob Medeiros, Patrick Corcoran, Julian Kadish,
Carlos Fragata (Director)
Leonard Silvia and Dana Rappaneau were absent

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Minutes

The members reviewed the Bills Payable Sheet (misc.). Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to pay the bills. Approved.

Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to hold off on paying the bill for Invoice #5 for Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. until a full board is present. Approved.

The members reviewed the draft minutes of January 27, 1997 and February 10, 1997. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to continue the review of the draft minutes until all the Commission members are present. Approved.

Before reviewing the con't. **Notice of Intent - John G. Walsh, Jr. & Boro Sand & Stone Corp. - lot 139 (assessors map 17) Pine Street (con't. from 10/28/96, 12/9/96 & 1/13/97) - file # 250-385**, Otis Dyer, who was representing the applicant, asked to have the public hearing con't. until the March 24, 1997 meeting. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish to continue the public hearing until the March 24, 1997 meeting. Approved.

The members reviewed a **Request for a Determination of Applicability - Malloch Construction Co., Inc. - lot 1 (assessors map 36) 99 East Hodges Street** for proposed drilling of the proposed well as shown on the On-site Sanitary System Design plan submitted within the 100' buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Shane Rio of Hayward-Boynton & Williams represented the applicant. Julian Kadish, made a motion, seconded by Ed Breault, to close the public meeting. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability if the work was done according to the submitted plans. Approved.

The members reviewed a **Request for a Determination of Applicability - Kevin Medeiros - lot 1, parcel (assessors map 29) 248 Old Taunton Avenue** for proposed plans to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, portion of a subsurface sewage disposal system and associated site grading within the 100 ft. buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Kevin Medeiros represented himself. Mr. Crumb, an abutter, questioned the location of the plans and Mr. Medeiros explained the plans to him. Marshall Martin stated that the wetland was isolated and became a bordering vegetated wetland due to a man-made ditch. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to close the public

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meeting. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to issue a negative Determination of Applicability if the work was done according to the submitted plans. Approved.

The members reviewed a **Request for a Determination of Applicability - Philip McCarron - lots 73 & 77 (assessors map 17) East Main Street/rear Pine Street** for approval of wetland boundaries as shown on Preliminary Plan of Land dated 11/11/96. Proposed plan shows the joining of two parcels to create a cluster subdivision of 27 lots. Philip McCarron represented himself. The Director stated that he agreed with the bordering vegetative wetland line. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to close the public meeting. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to issue a positive Determination of Applicability, Box #1 subject to a notation that two wetlands are connected and water drains the bordering vegetated wetlands to the Rumford River.

An informal discussion of the above-named project ensued re: a wetland crossing and a conservation restriction. The consensus was acceptance of the wetland line and the restriction to be addressed by the Planning Board.

The members reviewed a **Notice of Intent - Manuel Marshall - lot 3 (assessors map 31) Myra's Way** for proposed plans to construct a driveway, septic system and related grading within the 100' buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. Sueanne Santos of Freeman Engineering represented the applicant. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to close the public hearing. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to approve the Notice of Intent with the drafted conditions and subject to the National Heritage Response.

The members reviewed a **Notice of Intent - Lisa Foley - lot 11 (assessors map 17) Talbot Drive** - for proposed plans to construct a 20 ft. x 40 ft. inground pool within the Riverfront area. Jeff Houde made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to forego reading of the public notice. Approved. Bob Medeiros made a motion, seconded by Julian Kadish, to close the public hearing. Approved. Julian Kadish made a motion, seconded by Bob Medeiros, to approve the project subject to a DEP #. Approved.

The partial Certificate of Compliance filed by **Don Colangelo - p. 93, (m.36) East Hodges St., DET. #463**, (con't. from 1/27/97 & 2/10/97 mtgs.) which had already been approved and signed by two Commission members at the February 10, 1997 meeting was reviewed and signed by two other Commission members who were absent from the February 10, 1997 meeting. Jeff Houde, Chairman, and Bob medeiros abstained from voting.

The members reviewed a request for a full Certificate of Compliance filed by **Mansfield Airport Commission - Norton end of Mansfield Municipal Airport (off Fruit St.) DET. #334**. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to issue the Certificate. Approved.

The members reviewed a request for a partial Certificate of Compliance filed by **Teddy Realty Trust p. 138, lot 12 (m.17) Talbot Dr. (#250-389)**. Ed Breault made a motion, seconded by Patrick Corcoran, to issue the Certificate with the condition that the applicant post a \$500 bond with the Norton Town Treasurer. Bob Medeiros abstained from voting. Approved.

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The members reviewed a request filed by **Amy Couture of Mansfield for permission to paint a mural at Norton Reservoir in memory of Jason Linsky**. Patrick Corcoran had a concern as to what type of paint would be used and what potential impact it would have on the resources. Julian Kadish felt that the Selectmen should handle this matter and that the Conservation Commission would go along with whatever they determined.

The Director stated that at the meeting with the Finance Committee, the proposed FY98 Conservation budget was not questioned, but the \$2,500 line item request for the weed harvester maintenance was.

Weed Harvester Plan - It was the consensus of the Conservation Commission that it would be OK to use the weed harvester in any part of town as long as the people using it were trained and could maintain it and organize the particulars. Discussion ensued re: a plan, but no decision was made. A plan would be difficult to create because of the multitude of variables inherent to the weed harvester's use.

Discussion ensued re: silt fence and its placement (timing and backfilling or not). No consensus was reached.


Norton Reservoir

John Walsh of Walsh Contracting came in to discuss the Norton Reservoir Dredging project and stated that, based on the Findings Report by Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc., the project would be difficult to dredge using hydrodredging due to the number of pumps and cost of piping the spoil and the amount of land required (approximately 40 to 50 acres) for dewatering the spoil. Mr. Walsh's idea was to drain the reservoir, as it had been prior to its damming and to dry dredge the reservoir and stock pile spoil (possibly on an island within the reservoir).

Discussion ensued re: Norton Reservoir Dredging project after John Walsh of Walsh Contracting left. The Commission's consensus was to give credence to what John Walsh had stated re: the expensive nature of hydrodredging and his preference toward dry dredging, while acknowledging the fact that Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. felt that the permits could not be obtained using dry dredging methodologies .

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carlos T.B. Fragata
Conservation Director

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