

EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

January 22, 2024

6:30 P.M.

2nd Floor Large Conference Room - Town Hall

In Attendance: Elliot Jacobs (EJ), Paul Gallant (PG), Kathleen Cavanagh (KC), Claire Yocum (CY), Craig Winsor (CW), Steven Sears (SS)

6:30 P.M. OPEN MEETING

6:40 P.M. SCHEDULED HEARINGS

NEW

1. 9 Stonegate Dr./Joe Correia/PMP/NOI SFH

Proposal regarding new home and associated work. The Conservation Commission discussed and agreed upon requiring:

- Rain garden maintenance to be an ongoing condition of any future permit.
- Extending the stone retaining wall to the edge of the rain garden as shown on the plan.
- Allow removal of trash from nearby buffer/resource areas.
- Require erosion control matting be used on sloped areas and to have a silt fence with sock encompass the property to better protect nearby resource areas.

KC/CW motioned to continue the meeting to the 2/12/2024 meeting to allow time for a DEP file # to be issued for the work. In favor - Unanimous

2. 88 Cross St./Bruce Meserve/Collins Eng./RDA

Proposal regarding the upgrading of a septic system. The Conservation Commission discussed and agreed upon requiring the erosion control to be used to consist of silt fence and that only work detail on the plan submitted is allowed and other work is not approved for riverfront area impacts.

SS/EJ motioned to issue a “negative 3” finding determination of applicability. In Favor – Unanimous

CONTINUED

3. 505 N. Central St/Teresa Superior/PLS/NOI

Edits to the plan consisting of more robust erosion control around the property were submitted. No DEP file # has yet been issued.

EJ/PG motioned to continue the meeting to the 2/12/2024 meeting to allow time for a DEP file # to be issued. In favor – Unanimous

4. Stump Pond Dam-Plymouth St./SMJ Cranberry Assoc./Silva Eng./NOI

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Stanley Kravitz (Owner) and Rebecca Baptista Civil Engineer from Silva Engineering attended the meeting. This hearing was regarding the installation of water control structures and other dam updates to better prepare the area for any future flood waters. Mr. Kravitz gave some insight into what has been going on since the dam failure in January 2023. He stated that there is proposed future coordination between himself and the town of Halifax regarding the releasing of flood waters so that future issues may be better prepared for. It is thought that communication between towns/cities handling the water would help handle future flood situations better. Tree removal within the dam is proposed and recommended as tree roots compromise the dam structure. There are still outstanding questions from MA DEP and the natural heritage endangered species program that need follow up currently.

The engineer and owner requested continuance to the next meeting (2/12/2024) and stated that future continuances may be needed to address other agency comments.

CW/SS motioned to continue the meeting to the 2/12/2024 meeting. In favor – Unanimous

5. 7 Beaver Village Way- COC

No new information was provided by the engineer regarding comments made at the 1/8/2024 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Minutes Approval – 1/8/2024
7. 2 Southridge Dr. (Lot 5 Tower Heights). – COC

CW/SS motioned to approve a partial COC for work completed, with site stabilization not being approved due to lack of cover on site (as the home was built in fall/winter) and with the requirement that a new homeowner affidavit be signed so that new homeowners are aware of the existing permit/partial COC. In Favor – Unanimous

OFFICE DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. 211 Highland St – Stormwater basin redesign

At the 211 Highland St. warehouse, stormwater basins (“P1 and P2”) are not operating as intended. Infiltration rates are far lower than originally calculated in the permitting phase. VHB engineers are proposing a redesign of the two basins. The Commission agreed with a redesign to meet stormwater requirements. The redesign will be reviewed by the town consulting engineering group, Environmental Partners.

Adjournment – PG/CW motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. In Favor - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted as approved at 2/12/2024 meeting by the East Bridgewater Conservation Commission Board

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