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MINUTES OF MEETING
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Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons

PUBLIC HEARING:

11 South Marble

Adrian Poci

The regulation of the flow of water in backyard, in and out of the channel, by replacing the old pipe and extending it along the entire length of the channel. Notice of Intent Continued. Motion by Alex Rozycki, seconded by Rob Fotino to continue to 8/24/20. Roll Call Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki and Ellen McBride yes 4/0

Rear Hillside Ave.

Jim Juliano

Construction of a new single family house with driveway and associated grading in the 100 foot buffer zone. Notice of Intent continued/Request for Determination of Applicability continued. Motion to continue until 8/24/20 by Rob Fotino, Seconded by Alex Rozycki. Roll Call Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina and Ellen McBride yes 5/0

Montvale Ave Culvert

Mel Higgins/David Klinch

Amended order of Conditions requested

Mel Higgins from Weston and Sampson talked about site visit July 29, 2020 with 10-15 people from Eversource, Epsilon, McCourt Construction, Weston and Sampson and Conservation Commission. Site visit to visualize trees and restore disturbed areas to update plans to loam and seed. Tree replacement will be on resubmitted plans. Letter sent to Commission today answering questions. Alex Rozycki makes motion to continue to 8/24/20, Domenick Cimina seconds. Roll Call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina. 5/0

7 Chapel Way

George Drugas

Request for Determination of Applicability for deck extension.

George Drugas will square off and align deck with stairs, adding one footing. Ellen McBride mentions nonconforming and references neighbor on 3 Chapel Way wetlands. Alex Rozycki asked if wetlands has moved because of differences in map submitted. Frank Mauriello is neighbor in support of this minor change. Alex Rozycki motions to close the hearing, Bob Parsons seconds. Roll Call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons 6/0. Bob Parsons motions for a negative determination of applicability with conditions of haybales and siltation fencing, Domenick Cimina seconds. Roll Call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons 6/0

DISCUSSION ONLY:

100, 200, 300 Park Terrace

Ryan Bianchetto

Ryan Bianchetto gives update on condos at Park Terrace drainage issue from DCR perspective. Would like to have stone rip rap at end of pipe and replace existing pipe to catch basin. Will amend operating order of conditions. Disturbance of wetlands to help drainage, pipe now exposed as improvement requested.

Ellen McBride asks what is benefit according to DCR?

Ryan Bianchetto answers it will still be submerged somethings but maintenance of pipe and breaks in pipe will be easier to access. Rip rap will improve flow.

Bob Parsons proposes grade plunge pool asking if pipe is going to surcharge and fill with sediment?

Ryan Bianchetto says water will fill pipe and sediment will settle. Will be part of Park Terrace maintenance.

Bob Parsons suggests adding conditions on maintaining it.

Ryan Bianchetto agrees to amend existing operations plan to include cleaning out rip rap on a regular schedule.

Alex Rozycki says it's a better project in the log run. Downstream will pool but that is DCR/Town project so this is a good start.

Ellen McBride says Ryan Bianchetto can coordinate for next meeting 8/24/20 with Jen DeCourcy.

2 North Street

Bear Hill Golf Course

Discussion of restoring impacted areas and tree plantings.

Ellen McBride mentions receiving plan from LEC and will ask Mary Rimmer to give her opinion before 8/24/20 meeting.

Motion made by Alex Rozycki to continue to 8/24/20, seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons 6/0

3 Daniel Drive

Joseph Penney

DCR report

Ellen McBride will reach out to DCR again. Penneys were not on call but will continue discussion until 8/24/20.

7 Emerald Court

John McNamara

Protection of Wetlands

Mr. McNamara is not on call, continued until 8/24/20.

158 Franklin Street

Charles Rotondi, Michael Rotondi

Wetlands protection

Mike Rotondi is on call. Ellen McBride says site visit needs to be set and asks Mike Rotondi to email going forward. Date of Saturday 8/8/20 9am is chosen, Mike Rotondi asked to email Jen DeCourcy if that works. Ellen McBride says children are welcome at site visit. Mike Rotondi mentions receiving letter in June, his mother was quarantined, had to go to emergency room, his daughter broker her arm. Site visit pending.

Whip Hill

Jim Previte

Ellen McBride and Bob Parsons met with Dennis Sheehan and Brett Gonsalves. Mr. Sheehan was going to talk to Bob Galvin. Jim Previte is on FMLA, he may be able to work at Whip Hill. Jim Previte in on FMLA for 4 weeks until the first week of September.

Jim Previte said he is seeing high usage at Whip Hill, he picks up the trash.

Brett Gonsalves mentioned to Ellen McBride paving at Whip Hill Rd from Perkins St to the first parking lot.

Eric Richard from DPW may pave tomorrow to 50 feet past parking lot. Brett Gonsalves sent Ellen McBride email with 2 quotes, she replied its Brett's decision as the Town is responsible for payment not the trust. Dave Ragucci approved years ago, berm will be built on edge.

Jim Previte pointed out parking lot will not be paved, just roadway.

Bob Parsons said stone at bottom will help control erosion.

Permit for Tree Removal

Ellen McBride

Discussion of bylaw or policy for permit for tree removal.

Dava Kilbride emailed Ellen McBride regarding warrant for October Town Meeting submittal deadline 8/14/20.

Or 10 citizens can sign to put on. Proposal if you hire a tree company you need sign off from Conservation.

Domenick Cimina mentions Wakefield developer has to pay \$10/foot of tree he removes.

Alex Rozycki thinks it is similar in Reading, you pay per inch for removed trees as restitution. Alex Rozycki asks if DPW is ok with it.

Ellen McBride responds that she has spoken to DPW about mapping entire town.

Bob Parsons says if there are fines associated and we should ask Attorney Galvin's opinion. Current policy is about public shade trees. Conservation would say anything in buffer zone involving 100 foot protected and 200 foot from Riverbed would need permission and replanting policy, we need to start somewhere.

Ellen McBride mentions Somerville has a policy, and that it can be presented to the Select Board and withdrawn if its determined to be better to wait until May.

Bob Parsons says homeowners don't know what they don't know so trees will be removed without knowledge.

Alex Rozycki says lots of people will cut down and then ask for forgiveness, we should be comprehensive.

Ellen McBride says if it becomes a bylaw at Town Meeting would then go to Attorney General so wouldn't be in effect until 2021. Tree cutting companies need to be approached.

Bob Parsons mentions MWRA providing trees, Bear Hill trees, Eversource providing trees- how is it being managed?

Ellen McBride responds MWRA Oak St tree removal involved Jim Previte designating where trees would go.

25 trees to be planted in the fall. Jim plants 3-4 inch trees. Maybe we set up a tree farm or a tree bank account.

Ellen McBride will find out more and report to Select Board.

Approve Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020 Motion made by Bob Parsons to approve, seconded by Domenick Cimina. Roll Call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons 6/0

Next Meeting August 24, 2020

Motion to adjourn Domenick Cimina, seconded by Alex Rozycki Roll call Ellen McBride, Jessica Gerke, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki, Domenick Cimina, Bob Parsons 6/0