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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 4 2022 REMOTE 7 PM

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Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino; later Dom Cimina

Brett Gonsalves, Tom/Pat, Matt Rodriguez, Sean Fortin, Cathy Li, Raymie Parker, Jacqui Trainer, Charles Houghton, James Lacasse. Daniel Dragani, Beaton, Peter Bracciotti, Rich Kirby/LEC, Mike Santullo, Tom MacKay

PUBLIC HEARING

28 Pine St

Charles Houghton

Update. Mr. Houghton reads letter from 4/4/22 into record. Test pits holes repaved and fence fixed. Withdrawing notice of intent because of cost.

Ellen McBride says record will be clear because of letter to file, request unprecedented.

Motion to approve letter and allow Mr. Coviello to withdraw without prejudice from Alex Rozycki seconded by Bob Parsons. Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino 6/0

7 Brook St #297-0402

Charles Houghton

Mike Santullo Notice of Intent for single family home will reduce footprint and move 10 feet further from wetlands. Mike Santullo states 2071 to 1400 feet reduction of footprint.

Ellen McBride states substantially smaller house should make neighborhood happy and as built can be provided before Certificate of Completion. Bob Parsons comments footprint of home has less impacts to buffer and we can have a submission. Daniel Dragani spoke to project. Alex Rozycki states we approved previous and this is a better solution.

Norman L'Esperance pleased with visual. Motion by Bob Parsons to approve project with applicable conditions seconded by Alex Rozycki. Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino 6/0

97 High St #297-0403

Joe Onorato

Notice of intent for Pond project

James Lacasse aquatic management pond of Mr. Sean and Mrs. Shannon Fontin. 60% covered with cattails. Pretreatment surveys. Pond has not been managed through the years. Proactive strategy to use biocharged sock to help with algae and nutrient issues. Plan to remove cattails and open water habitat to create space for natives to grow. Runoff from street, sock should help infiltrate nutrients. Best management practices in fertilizer, target root of issue.

Ellen McBride impressed by the detail of the restoration plan. Thanked homeowners. Alex Rozycki very impressed, would love to know what works well. Bob Parsons appreciates the efforts, multi year program verified. Field notes and pictures will be sent. Motion to close public hearing and issue order of conditions to approve by Bob Parsons seconded by Alex Rozycki. Roll call Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino yes 6/0

2 North Street

Richard Kirby, LEC

Notice of Intent for Bear Hill Golf Club

Tom MacKay and Peter Bracciotti architect with Rich Kirby. Two ponds in SE portion and SW portion of site. Connecting ponds are intermittent stream with footbridges. BVW that had restoration plan. Two cart paths, wooden footbridges. Ten feet wide, moved with excavator, detach and then replace with prefabricated footbridges and reattached. SE portion will have pavement removed, outlet control structure for pond will all stay intact. SW portion bridge has been removed. Paved approaches will be replaced with stone product to hold cart paths and reduce impervious surface. Erosion at SE has had stones fall in that need to be reset.

Bob Parsons understands scope of work, minimal impacts to resource areas.

Norman L'Esperance has no issues, Alex Rozycki asks for best practices while doing work. Ellen McBride mentions replication and restoration site visit 2 years ago recalls thinking restoration of erosion.

Motion to close public hearing by Alex Rozycki seconded by Norman L'Esperance Roll call Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino yes 6/0

Order of conditions will be minimal special conditions.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

100, 200, 300 Park Terrace #297-0390

Jacqui Trainer, Allen and Major

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Brett Gonsalves did site visit. Motion by Bob Parsons to issue certificate of compliance seconded by Alex Rozycki Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino 6/0

DISCUSSION

9 Birch St

Cathy Li

Backyard project

Site visit and getting ready for notice of intent for backyard improvements.

Ellen McBride mentions DEP may comment on this proposal because house was built without order of conditions. Alex Rozycki wasn't at site visit but has worked with Jack Sullivan engineering and trusts his survey, if area isn't holding water wouldn't oppose.

Cathy Li says it will look beautiful and reduce insects.

Bob Parsons shares screen. Applicant would like to add fence and sod basin.

Cathy Li wants to slightly grade slope and add grass and sod. Fill hole to make it even with stone and sod. Grow grass in basin. Make slope walkable by filling holes.

Brett Gonsalves says stone by circle is infiltration for roof.

Significant grading, filling, changing slopes would be an issue. Adding grass is ok.

Cathy Li will file notice of intent.

11 Aspen Lane

Matt and Jen Rodriguez

Home improvement project near wetlands

Looking for guidance on squaring home off to a rectangle, everything within 100 foot buffer. Wetland flags old and new to the left, wetlands receded significantly. Proposed addition and retaining wall in backyard. Wetlands delineated by Maureen Herald Norse Environmental. Drainage ditch at end of cul de sac.

Alex Rozycki asks when wetland flagging was done? Matt Rodriguez November 2021. Earlier November 2009. It was a wet year.

Intermittent stream does not qualify as resource area per Bob Parsons.

Pump house at end of wooden post fence per Jen Rodriguez.

Brett Gonsalves says sewer pump station on North Street.

Ellen McBride wonders if there is a problem caused by Smitty's Way.

Alex Rozycki if water resource was cutoff it could be possible wetlands receded.

Site visit Friday April 8, 2022 4pm, Norman L'Esperance, Bob Parsons, Ellen McBride, Rob Fotino, Alex Rozycki can, Megan Day can not.

Veterans Lane

Brett Gonsalves

Emergency Certification for repairs

Ellen McBride talks about history of changing pipes in that area 10 years ago, catastrophic failure of structure. 3/21/22 site visit.

Brett Gonsalves states 22 x16x70 feet long hole. Cardinal Rd 24 inch into manhole and changed to 18 inch corrugated. 12 years ago some work to rotted pipe, 18 inch ADS pipe replaced it. January storm pipe failure that eroded slope out. Drain manhole collapsed.

Proposal for slope stabilization. Hire outside contractors for quicker delivery. Relief from public bidding process and will select vendor this week. Will start project next week

and it will take 4-7 days. Temporary road from Veterans Lane to lower level to remove debris in channel. Town will cut up trees and put off to side for natural habitat. Erosion control, remove debris and manhole, get pipe in, put gravel fill over pipe. Fabric and stone riff raff to prevent erosion during heavy rains. Never seen a structural failure of this magnitude in his 34 years. Safety issue, will secure area, stabilize area and insure not a danger to anyone.

Ellen McBride spoke to Jim Previte who went with Tree Warden from Orleans and said that is structural failure not trees. Wetlands restoration enacted. Alicia Gellen from DEP has been contacted. Jill Provencal from Smitty's Way and Weiss Farm will be in touch tomorrow. May want to apply for emergency repair money, contact Mike Day or Jason Lewis.

Brett Gonsalves states first priority is repair. Quote is for slope stabilization. Finance advisory board Wednesday night to approve pay for work. Will submit after action report with photos and narrative. Tom Brady is going out Friday 4/8/22 at noon to view and give recommendations.

Dom Cimina asks if money will be allocated for wetlands restoration.

Ellen McBride says she will attend Wednesday night meeting as well.

Dom Cimina asks about access to wetlands.

Brett Gonsalves says temporary road. Has 30 day window to repair. Doesn't know magnitude of restoration. Safety issue with slope that are paramount.

Dom Cimina asks how we get in to repair.

Ellen McBride mentions trails off Brookbridge, but Dom Cimina says larger equipment may be needed. Soil that was washed down could be removed.

Brett Gonsalves says not part of scope.

Alex Rozycki apologizes for Brett having to wait, asks about leaving road there for restoration repairs/removal. Back dragging area should be considered.

Brett Gonsalves talks about timing of project. Sizeable area for wash out.

Bob Parsons talks about need to stabilize soon, maybe bobcat can go in thru Brookbridge.

Silk laden water in resource area needs to be addressed.

Ellen McBride wants to be sure Conservation area has priority. Ask Tom Brady MACC Conservationist of the year.

Bob Parsons says we don't know impacts of this, rain this week, not sure how much to remove. Will need commitments from the Town to fix what's broken.

Ellen McBride and Bob Parsons note haybales, siltation and erosion control, Brett Gonsalves agrees.

Ellen McBride mentions it leads to Crystal Lake in Wakefield.

Brett Gonsalves doesn't know how deep to dig, don't know how much washed down.

Bob Parsons suggests bringing gravelly material up to area. Follow up with Dennis Sheehan and Finance and Advisory Board as follow up. Will need to find resource delineation. Potentially keep access road.

Ellen McBride asks if emergency funding from Government is known.

Brett Gonsalves isn't sure about funding, shows original plan with wetland area.

Alex Rozycki likes the idea of saving money on fill by back dragging, native organic layer will tell you when you're there. Access road could be difficult for contractor. More in favor of doing it once and then have restoration plan. Erosion controls at slope.

Brett Gonsalves could keep access road and Town could remove it when work is done.

Dom Cimina asks if end of drain washes into wetland?

Brett Gonsalves flared section and pipe aren't there or connected. There will be flared end put back in. Gravel went 40 or 50 feet. Dom Cimina asks if it will drain over gravel?

Brett Gonsalves says stone bed proposed with riff raff so it doesn't erode rock, gentler.

Dom Cimina concerned gravel will be washed out and sent into wetlands.

Brett Gonsalves asks about scope changing for contractors.

Ellen McBride suggests stabilizing slope first and wetland restoration later.

Bob Parsons says deeper dive on how do we mitigate for wetlands and address velocity.

Larger pipe to smaller pipe, water like a shotgun. Eager to get it fixed.

Dom Cimina do we know why it shoots out?

Brett Gonsalves large tributary area.

Bob Parsons said Conservation asked for sedimentation controls in catch basins. Town decided not to do project. Erosion manifested. Discharge for pipe has to be heavily armored and addressed. Pull away material from wetland area to stabilize bank. LEC as Conservation agent or Tom Brady talk about what impacts are.

Dom Cimina suggests advising finance board. Ellen McBride agrees. Brett Gonsalves doesn't know cost. Bob Parsons suggests contingency for \$30,000 and doesn't want to give a number that's inaccurate. Ellen McBride mentions money for hiring wetland specialist for restoration project. Brett Gonsalves says we need to be specific for restoration bid/scope.

Bob Griffin Engineering may be able to help with restoration.

Bob Parsons speaks to removing material that has been washed down, concerned about sedimentation. Doesn't know that dump truck could go down. Silt fence around perimeter. Brett Gonsalves thinks an excavator may be able to back drag with Bobcat.

Alex Rozycki set restoration zone, have to define flow channel and cleanout to where material is. Design backwards from there.

Bob Parsons asks if larger stones will be brought in?

Brett Gonsalves coming in from Veteran's Lane dropping slope down and excavator pulls it back down to trench.

Brett Gonsalves will contact restoration specialists once we send contacts.

Dan Hudson in Mike Day's office was contacted by Raymie Parker, Ellen McBride asks if Dennis Sheehan was contacted by Raymie Parker to look for state funding.

Reusing material is a great idea per Raymie Parker. It needs to be addressed now.

Select Board meeting 4/12/22 would allocate arbor funds.

Ellen McBride needs a Conservation agent who inspects lands.

Alex Rozycki vote to approve emergency certification and add associated restoration of wetlands to narrative.

Raymie Parker asked for drone footage.

Whip Hill

-Colonial Park, South and Robin Hood 4th graders: Nature's Classroom 6/3/22 8-3pm

-Mary Jirmanus, Parents' Forest Coop using outdoor space request

188 Franklin Street

Joe Cunningham

Enforcement order, will file Notice of Intent

3 Daniel Drive

Joseph Penney

DCR report

Storm Water Wetlands Restoration Project

Alex Rozycki

DPW Conservation survey

Wetland Resource Flyer

Jessica Gerke

Tree Policy

Ellen McBride

Approve Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022

Motion to approve from Alex Rozycki seconded by Robert Fotino. Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Domenick Cimina, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino 6/0 Megan Day abstains as she was not present 3/8/22

Motion to adjourn by Norman L'Esperance seconded by Megan Day Roll Call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Megan Day, Alex Rozycki, Norman L'Esperance, Rob Fotino and Domenick Cimina 7/0

Next Meeting April 25, 2022

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