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MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2024
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Ryan Rezendes, Chairman
Everett Philla
James Souza
Heidi Pelletier
Christian DeSousa
Douglas Thomas
Eric DeBarros
Joann DeMello

Absent:

Jared Connell, New Leaf Energy
Brandon Smith, New Leaf Energy
Tim Breton, 19 Katherine Street
Alexander Barnes, 4 Katherine Street
Cheryl Hathaway, 4 Carol Street
Robert Hinckley, Selectman

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes for approval: Oct, 24, 2023 & Nov. 8, 2023 minutes. Hold until next meeting.

Meeting Mail: Eversource planned & scheduled vegetation maintenance work on right-of-way (ROW 143) for calendar year 2024.

Old Business:

Continued Public Hearing – NOI – Kenneth & Giselle Camara – 12 Archer's Way, Map 16, Lot 18F SE 001-0590. A Notice of Intent was filed by Kenneth & Giselle Camara for property located at 12 Archer's Way, Map 16 Lot 18F. The applicant proposes to construct a new garage with covered patio, access driveway and related site work within the 100 ft. buffer

zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented; by Rick Charon of Charon Associates, Inc. - Engineers. Plan name is "Plan of Site Improvements & New Garage" dated November 9, 2023. Rick Charon requested a continuance to the January 24th meeting. D. Thomas made a motion to continue to the January 24, 2024 for more information, seconded by C. DeSousa. Motion passed 7-0.

Continued Order of Conditions Extension Request – Johnelle & Christopher Ciano – 52 Morse's Lane, Map 17 Lots 24, 24B and 24C SE 001-0555. Applicant - Morse's Lane Solar 1, LLC c/o New Leaf Energy. A request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions DEP file # SE 001-0555 for property located at 52 Morse's Lane, Map 17, Lots 24, 24B and 24C. The applicant proposes to install a 5 MW ground mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating facility including tree clearing and stumping, construction of solar modules and associated electrical equipment, gravel roads and a perimeter security fence. The applicant is represented by Brandon Smith of New Leaf Energy. Plan name is "Site Use Permit Set" dated December 10, 2020. Jared Connell gave the Commission a memorandum handout from BSC Group dated today – January 10, 2024. Mr. Connell gave an overview of the Notice of Intent process and the project details. An interconnection agreement was received in October. Potential vernal pools and Stormwater was addressed – they are more than willing to re-access the potential vernal pools and Stormwater analysis. Mr. Connell believes the delineation from BSC group is accurate from the original delineation. Attorney Greg Sampson was present and spoke about the Eversource and Planning Board approvals – suggesting a 1-year extension would be good starting point. Chairman Rezendes stated he believes the southern area contains a vernal pool, northeast area potential vernal pool (site visit was on Saturday the 6th). The road crossing is an area of concern, no flags were found. Chairman Rezendes walked North and found himself on an abutting property – this is a concern. Chairman Rezendes provided the applicant a copy of Mass GIS and DEP change maps, the blue line indicates the projected road and Chairman Rezendes asked Mr. Smith is there a wetland crossing and a wetlands replication area? Mr. Smith replied no. Chairman Rezendes also stated the area is a Natural Heritage Critical Habitat area – this is a new finding; he does not feel the delineation is accurate and he does not feel the current Order of Conditions is adequate for this project. J. Souza stated that he also could not locate any flags, he did walk past the property onto another abutting property, there is running water – maybe drainage? J. Souza agrees with Chairman Rezendes that the Order of Conditions is not adequate and information is lacking to approve an extension. E. DeBarros noted trees with roots that are visible which indicates a high-water table. D. Thomas stated the site should have been prepared better, agrees flags were missing, vernal pools could have been identified by now. C. DeSousa made a motion to deny the extension request. E. DeBarros seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1-1. (E. Philla – no; H. Pelletier – abstained)

New Business:

Certificate of Compliance – 355 Main Street, SE 001-0504. A request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Acushnet MA 1, LLC for property located at 355 Main Street, Map 22, lot 19D. The applicant constructed a 1.1 MW AC solar array with associated gravel access drive, security fence and stormwater management facilities within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland and 200 ft. Riverfront Area to an unnamed perennial stream. As-built provided by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. dated June 26, 2023. Melinda Costello from Weston and Sampson Engineers was present to discuss the project compliance. A site walk

was conducted on Saturday. Project is substantially complete, vegetation is stabilized. Commission said site looks good, trash was scattered on the property – cleaned up that day. D. Thomas made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance. C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Extension Order of Conditions – Taylor Martin/ 19 Katherine Street, SE 001-0556.

A request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions file # SE 001-0556 for property located at 19 Katherine Street, Map 4, Lot 9A. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing cottage to construct a new dwelling, well, septic system and electric/telephone/cable wires to construct a driveway and to fill and grade within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented; by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan dated December 11, 2020 and Drain Pipe Addendum Sketch dated January 12, 2021. Mr. Davignon was not present at this meeting. Chairman Rezendes said the site walk showed the erosion control was in place, house looks good. Alexander Barnes, 4 Katherine Street, voiced her concerns about the drain that was discussed on the plan, it has not been installed; also trash is blowing around on-site. Chairman Rezendes went by the site today. Chairman Rezendes said the contractor was de-watering – we've had a lot of rain over the last several days. Tim Breton, owner, said the drain is the next step. D. Thomas asked when will you begin work on the drain? Mr. Breton said within the next weeks to month. Cheryl Hathaway, 4 Carol Street has concerns since the new septic installation and tree clearing has occurred, what about the integrity of the road? Mr. Breton said his leaching field will be at the same elevation as the road, he has intentions to place something like a split rail fence to help protect the leaching field. E. DeBarros made a motion to issue a 3-year extension. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. J. Souza recused himself.

Extension Order of Conditions – Taylor Martin / 15 Katherine Street, SE 001 – 0557

A request for an Extension to an existing Order of Conditions file # SE 001-0557 for property located at 15 Katherine Street, Map 4 Lot 9. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing cottage to construct a new dwelling, well, septic system and electric/telephone/cable wires to construct a driveway and to fill and grade within the 100' buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant is represented; by David M. Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Plan name is Sewage Disposal System Repair Plan for dated December 14, 2020 and Drain Pipe Addendum Sketch dated January 12, 2021. Mr. Davignon was not present at this meeting. Chairman Rezendes said erosion control is in place. SE 001-0556 and this lot are adjacent. E. Philla made a motion to issue a 3-year extension. C. DeSousa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. J. Souza recused himself.

Certificate of Compliance – Attorney Brian Glover f/b/o Matthew Gouviea – 48 Guillotte Street – SE 001-0072.

A request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Attorney Brian Glover for property located at 48 Guillotte Street, Map 25, Lot 10L. Proposed construction includes a single-family dwelling, grading and utilities as part of a larger subdivision. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday, this is for the sale of a home. Joann and the staff at Attorney Glover's office spent time to sort out the Registry Recording information. E. DeBarros made a motion to issue a partial certificate of compliance. H. Pelletier seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Certificate of Compliance – Attorney Brian Glover / 44 Guillotte Street – SE 001-0072 A request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Attorney Brian Glover for property located at 44 Guillotte Street, Map 25, Lot 10P. Proposed construction includes a single-family dwelling, grading and utilities as part of a larger subdivision. Commission conducted a site visit on Saturday, this is for the sale of a home. Joann and the staff at Attorney Glover's office spent time to sort out the Registry Recording information. E. DeBarros made a motion to issue a partial certificate of compliance. J. Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion:

Notice to be given to Commission from Consultants regarding projects / inspections in Town. Chairman Rezendes will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking them to let the Commission know when Consultants are in Town – the Conservation Commission had lots of inquiries regarding workers on or near their properties and some felt uneasy about these individuals – they would have appreciated proper notification.

Conservation Commission identification badges – D. Thomas spoke with Mr. Kelley about ID badges. Chairman Rezendes said he will reach out again regarding the status of the badges.

Conservation Agent and Stormwater Agent, Patrick Hannon has resigned. Mr. Hannon has taken employment in another Town. Chairman Rezendes said the Commission will place an ad for a new Agent. J. Souza asked about using a Consultant in the meantime.

Stormwater

E. DeBarros spoke about getting the Town's residents involved with Stormwater. Possibly forming a Committee with other Boards.

Board of Selectmen member, Bob Hinckley stated Coneco Engineers & Scientists are currently in Town mapping the area. B. Hinckley will be looking to forming a sub-committee.

Agent Updates:

Mr. Kelley needs the Commission to find another location to meet – Finance Committee needs to use the room from January to end of May. Police station would be the best solution due to Engineers and the public following agendas that include public hearings and continuances.

Conservation Agent and Stormwater Agent, Patrick Hannon has resigned. Mr. Hannon has taken employment in another Town. Doug thanked Patrick for his service to the Town and the residents, he was a wealth of knowledge.

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Public Meeting Adjourned at 7:25: p.m.

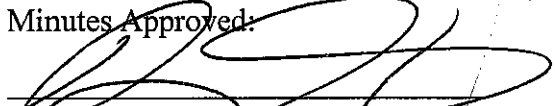
A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by E. DeBarros. The motion was seconded by C. DeSousa. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted:

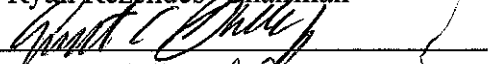


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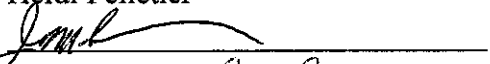
Ryan Rezendes- Chairman



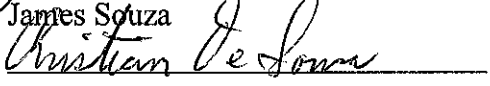
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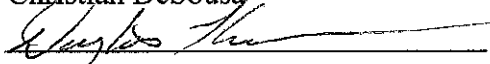
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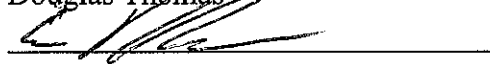
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