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MINUTES OF August 22, 2017 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Ted Cioper
Marc Brodeur
Heidi Pelletier
Evelyn Bouley

Absent:
Robert Rocha
Everett Philla

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

In the absence of Chairman Robert Rocha, a motion was made to nominate a Chairman for today's meeting. Ted Cioper made a motion to nominate Marc Brodeur. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passed 4-0.

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:05 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

August 8, 2017 - A motion was made by Evelyn Bouley to approve the minutes of August 8. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Meeting Mail: (none)

IV. Appointments: (none)

V. Old Business:

There is still an opening on the Commission for new member; anyone interested should send a letter of interest to either the Selectmen or Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly.

VI. New Business:

RDA – Orlando / 14 Brookside Drive – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Lisa & Jason Orlando for property located at 14 Brookside Drive, Map 14, Lot(s) 77. The applicant proposes to install a 24' above-ground pool within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant would like to know whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Jason Orlando of 14 Brookside Drive stated that he bought this property approximately one (1) year ago and is planning to install an above-ground pool on the left side of the property. He said that when he filed the RDA it was for a 24' pool but he will probably install a smaller size pool. Mr. Orlando stated that he was home for the site visit on August 19, 2017. He stated to the Commission members that if they had a concern with chlorine going into the wetlands when he drains out some water in preparation for the winter closing of the pool, he was in the process of installing a dry well for his sump pump and was more than willing to use it for both the sump pump and pool drainage.

Mr. Orlando said he would like to bring in some loam to level out a part of the lawn and add some grass. Agent Kelly had recommended he either use silt fencing or straw waddles to put in front of the wetlands while doing the work to keep anything from entering the wetlands area. The Commission agreed to incorporate the approval of leveling off a small piece of property with the RDA filing as long as either silt fencing or straw wattles are used during the process.

A motion to issue with a negative determination was made by Ted Cioper and was seconded by Evelyn Bouley. Motion passes 4-0.

RDA – Architectural Consulting Group, Inc. / Ward Street – A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by Architectural Consulting Group, Inc. for property located at Ward Street, Map 24, Lot 435. The applicant proposes to construct a garage structure to be utilized for storage within the 100 foot buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. The applicant would like to know whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

John Marchand from Architectural Consulting Group explained the property is a very small lot and the applicant is proposing to erect a garage for storage. Mr. Marchand pointed out on the plan an intermittent stream in the back corner of the lot. He mentioned the property was flagged by Ecosystems Solutions who determined the stream is intermittent and not a perennial stream. The applicant is seeking permission to erect the storage garage and will be using straw wattles during the construction.

Agent Kelly stated the wetland flags are no longer up, that somehow they ended up across the street tied to a telephone pole. She stated it was obvious where they belonged. Agent Kelly agreed the stream looks dry and so is intermittent.

Peter Koczera stated that he was the owner of the property and showed the Commission a diagram of what the garage will look like after it is built on the lot. He also pointed out on the diagram the vegetation and trees around the perimeter belong to the neighbors. He stated he intended to leave the trees in the back of the property there. Mr. Koczera says he intends to use the garage just for storage of such things as chairs, tables, records, etc., as his other location in New Bedford is maxed out on space. Marc Brodeur asked Mr. Koczera if he would be putting any equipment in the garage such as a backhoe or anything with oil in it. Mr. Koczera say that maybe from time to time he would have a car in there in the winter to keep it out of the element. He also said that he would never put anything in there that would be harmful to the area. Evelyn Bouley asked if there would be electricity, or heat in the building. Mr. Koczera answered by saying only electricity, no heat or septic.

Agent Kelly suggested that when clearing the lot some of the bigger trees be left up standing, so as to get along better with the neighbors. Mr. Koczera responded by saying that he only intends to clear the trees that are in the way of the building.

A motion was made by Evelyn Bouley to issue a negative determination, and was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passes 4-0.

Agent Updates:

The foundation was laid for the house way up on North Main Street, the one with the real steep driveway.

Still waiting to hear who bought the house with the replication area being monitored by the Commission.

Sand and silt fencing was put down on the Mattapoisett Road project and is getting ready to take down the old buildings.

Arruda's project on Peckham Road is still waiting to be approved by the Planning Board. Marc Brodeur stated that he would like to know when the well is to be dug as it will be done with new technology and he would like to be present to observe.

8th Annual Cruise night will be held on August 31, 2017 at the town hall from 5pm to 9pm.

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2017

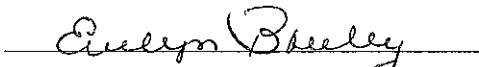


VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ted Cioper. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

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