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MINUTES OF December 26, 2017 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Heidi Pelletier
Ted Cioper
Everett Philla

Absent:
Marc Brodeur
Evelyn Bouley

Merilee Kelly, Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:02 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

December 12, 2017 - A motion was made by Everett Philla to approve the minutes of December 12. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 3-0.

III. Meeting Mail: (none)

IV. Appointments: (none)

V. Old Business:

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

NOI – Vieira Realty Trust / Andy’s Court (SE001-0524) – A Notice of Intent was filed by Vieira Realty Trust for property located at Andy’s Court, Map 9, Lot 31G. The applicant proposes to construct a 3-bedroom single family dwelling which will be partially located within the 100 ft. buffer zone of the bordering vegetated wetland, and install a 12X12 utility shed in the rear yard. The applicant is represented by N. Douglas Schneider & Associated, Inc. Plan name is “Sewage Disposal System – Site Plan for property located at Andy’s Court in Acushnet, MA”. Plan dated 11/16/17.

David Davignon from Schneider & Associates representing the applicant explained the project, saying the property is a 2.7 acre parcel of land, and will consist of a 3 bedroom single family dwelling with an attached garage off to the westerly side, and a paved driveway to access the garage. He stated the work will be done between Andy’s Court and the EverSource easement on the property. Mr. Davignon said siltation/erosion control will be placed along the wetlands line between flags A3 to A12. He also stated the house will have a deck in the rear and a utility shed in the backyard. There will be some filling and grading to feather the lot. The property will be serviced by municipal water and gas.

Agent Kelly questioned how far the silt fencing will be from the wetlands line. Mr. Davignon responded by saying it will be a 15 foot parallel line. Agent Kelly also asked if a decision had been made regarding using boulders versus trees versus fence. Mr. Davignon said once the property sells the new owners will decide. Mr. Rocha stated the proposed paved driveway looked like it was angling towards the wetlands, and wanted to know what will be done to slow the runoff down. Mr. Davignon said there are 2 options, one would be either grass or a mulched area and the driveway will be pulled to the west.

A motion to issue a positive Order of Conditions with no amendments or changes was made by Everett Philla and was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. New Business:

RDA – BBC/ 126 Hamlin Street– A Request for Determination of Applicability was filed by the Buzzards Bay Coalition for work on 126 Hamlin Street. The applicant proposes to demolish an existing single-family dwelling, 2 small sheds and a screen house; remove stumps & irrigation pipes where necessary to establish a meadow that can be managed through mowing; improve habitat by managing invasive shrubs & vines through a combination of cutting & herbicide. The applicant would like to know whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Plan name is “Demolition & Planting Plan 126 Hamlin Street, Acushnet”, dated 11/17/17.

Sara da Silva Quintal, restoration Ecologist, with the Buzzards Bay Coalition reviewed the proposed project for the Commission. She explained the Coalition was able to put together funding in order to purchase the property. The Acushnet Conservation Commission will be holding the Conservation Restriction over the property. Ms. Quintal said the plan for the property is to turn it into a passive public recreation area. She also stated that a clean-up of the property has already begun, but the next step was to take down the structures on property. Only 1 shed will remain as it is in good shape and will be used for possible storage in the future. Ms. Quintal said the project will begin in January 2018 and a dormant seeding will be done.

Agent Kelly asked if trees will be planted along the edge of the river. Ms. Quintal said some native trees will be planted there where spots seem to be bare. Agent Kelly also asked why the arborvitaes were taken down. Ms. Quintal said they were overgrown and the Coalition would like to bring native plants back into the area.

Agent Kelly asked if there was a plan to put in trails on the property. Ms. Quintal said there would be but the plan for them had not been decided upon as of yet.

A motion to issue a negative determination was made by Ted Cioper and was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

Agent Updates:

MACC Annual Conference will be held March 3, 2018 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. anyone who would like to attend should inform Agent Kelly.

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 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:

Heidi Pelletier
Rob + C. Becker
Matt White

Date: 2-13-18