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Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, January 24, 2022
Held Remotely via Zoom.us

Present: Keven Desmarais, Charlie Sullivan, Keith Mello, and Margaret French participated remotely via Zoom.

Absent: Chris Mather

Call to Order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Note: As this meeting was conducted remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.

At this time, Mr. Desmarais advised anyone listening along that all plans, files, etc., to be reviewed would be available on the Town's website during the meeting. He then reviewed the public hearing process.

Continued Notice of Intent – 67 Chace Road

Continued Notice of Intent – Off Chipaway Road

Continued Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – 81 Middleboro Road

Continued Notice of Intent – 0 Rear and 5 Costa Drive

Continued Notice of Intent – 43 Water Street

The applicants have requested to be continued due to being in peer review.

A motion was made by Keith Mello, seconded by Charlie Sullivan, to continue the public hearings to February 7, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 15 Snuggles Way

Stevie Carvalho, from Farland Corp, presented this two-lot subdivision project. Mr. Carvalho explained that the applicant is looking to construct an 18-foot wide gravel driveway connecting to the applicant's existing drive, and to connect to the other lot as well. A swale and detention basin is proposed that discharges to a pipe as to not cause any erosion. Perc tests have been performed outside of the 100-foot buffer zone. Straw waddle is proposed along the limit of work for erosion control measures. The existing gravel driveway is proposed to be widened.

Nicole and Derek Gracia, 13 Snuggles Way, asked about the privacy between houses and if they would still have that. Mr. Carvalho explained that that area is a wetland area and will not be touched and that there will be about 200-foot of woods that will remain. Mr. Desmarais stated that this filing still has to go to the Planning Board and there may be plan changes. The site visit is scheduled for Sunday February 6th at 8:30am.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to continue the public hearing to February 7, 2022. The motion carries unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 2 Cameron's Way

Mr. Desmarais explained that there was an Order of Conditions issued for this project however the work was never completed. The applicant has revised the plans and lessened the impact to the wetlands.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3 with the condition that all conditions involved with the prior order of conditions are all included. The motion carries unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 7 Glad Street

Bill Gottwald, of Gottwald Engineering, explained this septic system upgrade. Mr. Gottwald stated the proposed leeching field is about 52 feet away from the edge of the wetland. Mr. Desmarais mentioned the steep grade on the plan and asked about the size of the silt sock. Mr. Gottwald replied a staked 12-inch silt sock at the edge of the privacy fence.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to issue a negative determination #3 with the condition that siltation control be maintained until ground coverage is achieved in the spring and if there are any changes to the septic design the Commission is given a copy of the most up to date plans. The motion carries unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 22 Keene Road

Rick Charon, of Charon Engineers, was present. Mr. Charon stated that this is an addition onto an accessory building. Mr. Desmarais stated that only a small portion of the proposed addition reaches into about 5 feet of the buffer zone. Mr. Desmarais asked about erosion control. Mr. Charon replied that the trenches will take care of it.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to issue a negative determination #3 with the condition that siltation control be utilized should site conditions require it. The motion carries unanimously.

Signatures

Margaret French stated that Keven Desmarais has permission to sign for her. Keith Mello stated that Keven Desmarais has permission to sign for him.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Keith Mello, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk