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Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, June 18, 2018 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, Janine Robidoux, and Maria Ternullo.

Absent: Charles Sullivan.

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Continued Notice of Intent – 170 South Main Street (Riverfront Business Park), Assonet

Mr. Desmarais called the continued public hearing back to order. It was noted that the applicant requested another continuance. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to continue the hearing to July 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Notice of Intent – Burns Lane, East Freetown

Mr. Desmarais called the continued public hearing back to order. It was noted that the D.E.P. file number has been issued and that the plans have been progressing through the Planning Board subdivision process with no significant changes. A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Mather, to approve the plans as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 238 South Main Street (ISP / Formerly Polaroid), Assonet

Ken Motta of Field Engineering was present to discuss the project. Howard Hawkins, 217 South Main Street, was also present as an interested abutter.

Mr. Motta stated they would be pursuing grading as the best method of erosion control as opposed to retaining walls previously discussed. Mr. Hawkins asked if there are flooding issues related to Mother's Brook; Mr. Motta stated there are not flooding issues, but erosion issues that they are looking to correct. As part of the proposed work, the overall size of the parking lot will be reduced, resulting in greater pervious area. Mr. Motta stated that cutting the finished grade were provide more flood storage volume.

Mr. Desmarais asked what would be used for siltation control. Mr. Motta stated sand bag check dams would be a part of the siltation control. It was also noted that fire flow test water, which now flows across the parking lot, would be piped to the outfall and filtered.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Mather, to approve the plans as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 27 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Gary and Ardith Brown were present to seek guidance on installing a swimming pool in the backyard of their home. After discussing where the Browns were as far as planning, it was determined that they have not received enough information from the pool installer in order to render a decision. Consensus of all parties was to continue the RDA until July 9th to see if more information can be obtained by that date.

Request for Determination of Applicability – Routes 18, 24, 140, and County Road

Michael Clements was present from MassHighway to discuss their request. Along with paving work to be completed on Route 24 in Assonet, the state would like to clear trees and growth along the corridors of their

highways. They are exempt from filing for up to six feet, but they would like to cut up to twenty feet on the expressway and out to the edge of their right-of-way on the secondary highways.

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business Properly Before the Commission

Tom Luiz was present to discuss an Enforcement Order that was issued against his property at 13 Estelle Avenue, East Freetown. Mr. Desmarais explained that an existing pier had been being repaired without permits, so the order was issued to stop work until it could be overseen. Mr. Luiz stated he was working with an engineer on filing for this work along with other work being proposed on the property. A letter was received from the engineer, Fredette Engineering Services of New Bedford, stating they are working on the project but cannot meet the July deadline for filing. It was agreed to extend the filing deadline to September 15th, with updates required at the July and August meetings.

Annual Appointments or Reappointments

- A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Mather, to reappoint Mr. Desmarais as the Conservation Commission representative to the Soil Conservation Board. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to reappoint Ben Pierpont to the Town Forest Committee for a term ending June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to designate Mr. Desmarais as the single-signature member for bills, payrolls, etc. The motion carried unanimously.

Requests for Certificates of Compliance

- 48 Huron Avenue, East Freetown (SE 026-491): During the most recent filing for this property, it was discovered that there was an open Order of Conditions from a previous project. Mr. Desmarais reported that the work had been completed satisfactorily. A motion was made by Mrs. Ternullo, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5 Quitticus Avenue, East Freetown: This item was passed over as no-one had had an opportunity to visit the site prior to the meeting.
- 16 Snuggles Way, East Freetown: Mr. Desmarais reported that the work had been completed satisfactorily. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Three matters were reviewed under this item:

- Discussion was held on a tentative offer of donation for three parcels of land on Westcott Island. It was agreed on consensus to accept the parcels if offered.
- It was noted that osprey nests have come along naturally at ISP and also near Stop & Shop.

- Discussion was held on canoe/kayak access points. Neighborhood activity has created a sort of unofficial launch at the end of Cove Lane in Assonet Bay Shores by creating a walking path through the marsh reeds to the water. Mr. Desmarais noted this area by design has space to park one or two vehicles due to the width of the road at its terminus. It was agreed to reach out to the Taunton River Watershed Alliance for help with establishing an actual access point at this location.

Bills & Minutes

Bills paid since the previous meeting were recounted. The minutes of May 14, 2018 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to approve the minutes as received. The motion carried 3-0-1, with Mr. Desmarais abstaining.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

