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## **CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2023 MEETING**

Present: Chairman Savery Moore, Vice Chair Dan Badger, David Hall, Curtis Lake, Environmental Agent Gary Flaherty and Recording Secretary Ashley Swartz.

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

### **DISCUSSION/BUSINESS**

#### **38 Lakeview Street**

Jennifer Hunt – the property owner came in as a follow up to replanting brush she had taken out without coming before Conservation. She planted some blueberry bushes (eight) and noted a tree that was removed because it fell during a storm. Mr. Moore noted her neighbors that had come in previously about cutting understory. He told her he appreciated her putting the blueberry bushes in but she needs to let the vegetation along the shoreline grow back. She said it never occurred to her to come before the Commission and Mr. Moore just reminded her to let the brush grow back.

#### **17 Wareham Street – Complaint**

Gary added this to the agenda in the event they came in last minute. He wrote a letter and it has been sent.

#### **Donation offer from Mitigation Land Specialists**

Tom Bott spoke with Gary and Wildlife Trust is okay with accepting the money when the time came. This is a follow up from the last meeting. They previously decided the money should go to a non-profit rather than the Conservation Commission. Gary said planning has been spearheading this but wanted Conservation's blessing. Mr. Hall made a motion to allow Mitigation Land Specialists to donate to the Conservation Non-Profit of their choice, seconded by Mr. Lake, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

#### **Carver Wetland By-Law and Regulation Flyer – review and update**

This used to be available across the permitting department. The document is available online but they agreed to read through it and note where they would like to see updates. Mr. Moore said he would like to have it available as a handout again and would also like to provide this as a packet to new home owners (if something like this already exists). Gary said he is going to ask Joe, the assessor, to see if that exists. They will discuss changes at the next meeting.

#### **Unanticipated –**

Mr. Moore asked if there are site visits planned for August 16<sup>th</sup>. The RDA met last night and they need to make a site visit at Wade Street to see if the barn has been moved (that is on the RDA property that is being given to Conservation). Mr. Moore asked if they could make that the 10:00 AM site visit with the RDA.

## CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

46 Federal Road

NOI DEP File: SE126-670

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## NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

48 Lakeview Street

RDA

Mr. Moore, Mr. Lake, Mr. Hall and Gary all have visited the site. Andy Klines with Fuss & O'Neill – hired by the town for the redevelopment of the tennis courts into pickleball courts for the Council on Aging. There are currently tennis courts on the property that is no longer usable – this area is enclosed by a chain-link fence, also in need of repair. There are areas (north and east sides) that have overgrowth – and some of the area that needs to be addressed is within the 65- and 100-foot buffers. The proposed site improvements are to repave the courts, replace the fencing, clean up vegetation, update the parking and create some walking paths. The plan is to create six pickleball courts – which would require them to add about six feet of pavement on each side. All the proposed pavement is out of the buffer (putting it out of Conservation's jurisdiction). Within the buffer includes the fencing and the vegetation that has overgrown – the proposed walk way is also within the buffer zone. The parking lot improvements fall outside the buffer zone. The pitch and grading on the courts will remain the same. Gary asked about the sand filter for storm water - Andy stated there is a plan to incorporate that, which is an approved storm water treatment solution. The existing access road, pond parking, and Council on Aging parking is not part of this RDA and has been slated as future work. Mr. Badger asked about the courts – he asked why they are not sticking to four courts (since it is two pickleball courts for every one tennis court) – Andy said they are trying to accommodate for the potential demand from the town, as well as utilizing the existing gravel base underneath – which he thinks can be salvaged or supplemented. Shifting the courts south would impact the proposed parking plan and slope. Mr. Moore asked about the sidewalk adjacent to the road – if this was now encroaching on the existing road. He clarified that he was asking regarding future projects for 44 Lakeview – and create more parking if the pickleball becomes popular like it has in other communities. He asked if this walkway currently is impacting future parking. Andy explained the path could be adjacent to the fence line – shifting the access road east – which could allow more parking in the future if need be. In its current state, this would allow additional site furnishings (like picnic tables). Andy added that they could make an adjustment to accommodate additional parking if need be. Alan Germain volunteered to do some of the work for this project. He clarified that he is taking out all the brush, the chain-link fence, the piping and the asphalt. He is doing this work in cooperation with O&M. He will provide the trucking for the asphalt. He said they could look at a parallel parking are of four or five spots, or diagonal parking for compact vehicles. Mr. Moore asked how wide he planned to clear. Alan explained they were looking to do about six feet wide since the machine is five feet wide. The plans go out to 18-feet (in terms of the work area). Andy added they want to limit disturbance. Dig Safe has already marked out the site. Mr. Moore said at some point they would like to make a walking trail that goes up to the 65-foot line and meanders back to the parking lot. Mary asked when the near the end of the project and want to talk about "bettering" the property – would she have to come before them for that discussion. They clarified that only work within the 100-foot buffer would need Conservation's permission. Alan added that O&M would put up a silt sock before the work starts. Mr. Moore asked Mary who was in charge of this project – she didn't know the answer. Alan said at the original meeting it was determined it would be Mary, Bob Fennessey, O&M and Andy. Mr. Badger said they should also communicate with CPC – whoever is overseeing the project. Andy said Fuss & O'Neill is working to keep multiple departments informed. Motion to close the hearing made by Mr. Hall, seconded

by Mr. Badger, approved unanimously 4-0-0. Motion for a negative three determination on the RDA request made by Mr. Badger, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

Mr. Moore added that there are two landscaping companies that have received the scope of work for the 44 Lakeview property. He asked for the Commission's permission to make the choice of the two companies based on cost and availability (in order to move the project along and not wait until the next meeting).

### **MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2023 as written made by Mr. Lake, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2023 as written made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Lake, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Badger, approved unanimously 4-0-0.

Meeting ended at 7:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Swartz.