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CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2017 MEETING

Present: Chairman Jim Nauen, Jennifer Vaillancourt, and Savery Moore were present. Tim Dempsey and Alex Lovejoy were not in attendance. Also present: Brooke Monroe, Environmental Scientist, Agent, and Marianne MacLeod, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Nauen opened the meeting at 7:06 P.M.

BUSINESS:

- Update on Cole Property Site Visit with MA Audubon on June 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Brooke said they looked at the seeding and the shrubs look good.

MINUTES:

- To be read and approved for June 7, 2017. Mr. Nauen made one correction to the spelling of a name (Delli Priscoli). Savery Moore made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Jennifer Vaillancourt, voted and passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Nauen abstaining because he wasn't present at the last meeting.

NEW HEARINGS:

7:15 – 42 Fuller Street

RDA

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40) and the Carver Wetlands Protection Bylaw, that a public hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Meeting Room 1 at the Carver Town Hall to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability (Request) filed by Joe Shanahan – Clean Energy Collective, to determine: (a) whether an area depicted on Plan(s) and/or Map(s) referenced in an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act, and (d) whether the area and/or work depicted on referenced Plan(s) is subject to the jurisdiction of any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw of the Town of Carver. The Request is for a determination as to the upland designation of six (6) cranberry bogs located on the referenced property. The project is located at 42 Fuller Street, Carver MA, Map 30, Lot 10-B. All interested parties are invited to attend. Copies of all plans, filings, and pertinent documents are available at the Conservation Commission Office.

Joe Shanahan, Director of Real Estate at Clean Energy Collective, out of Worcester, MA came before the Commission. He gave an overview of the company. They want to develop a ground-mounted solar system at this location. They are here to request confirmation of a report that the bogs at the site are upland bogs.

Mr. Brad Holmes spoke next regarding the site. He did extensive research and also did a site evaluation; he then reviewed the report he submitted to the Commission as to the information he obtained about the property at 42 Fuller Street, Carver, MA. His findings showed the six cranberry bogs were created from the upland and should still be considered upland. Mr. Nauen stated that they may want to have some spot checking by a soil scientist done on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Shanahan said two bogs would continue to be used as cranberry bogs. The four bogs for the solar project are on the northerly side. The Commission requested that flags be placed where they dug for testing, so their consultant will see them. Brooke will get a quote from Peter Fletcher, a soil scientist, to review this site.

Savery Moore made a Motion to continue the Hearing until the Commission can ascertain the availability of the consultant, seconded by Jennifer Vaillancourt, voted and passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pat Higgins came before the Commission with regards to his property at 28 South Main Street. He wants to put in a seasonal dock and where there are vegetative wetlands, he wanted to put a bridge to access the water across it so they are not destroyed. Only the feet of the bridge would touch the ground, they are not going into the ground. This would be for pedestrian use only. He showed plans to the Commission. The Commission says a NOI is required for the bridge going over the wetlands. Brooke will speak with Joe Webby and he will assist Mr. Higgins in completing the application for a NOI.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

None.

Savery Moore made a Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Jennifer Vaillancourt voted unanimously.

Next meeting will be July 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne MacLeod,
Recording Secretary