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CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2021 MEETING

Present: Chairman Savery Moore, Vice-Chairman Jim Nauen, Alan Germain, Dan Badger, Peg Blackwell, Environmental Scientist/ Agent Brooke Monroe, and Recording Secretary Ashley Swartz.

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Discussion:

Unit 2B Shaw Road – shrub cutting (follow up)

There was a site visit and the Commission spoke to gentlemen of Shaw Road (requesting cutting and concerned about the cutting), spoke to Brooke about when a sapling becomes a tree and resident was in agreement. She said, “We are good on that”. Out of the 30 trees seen, he can cut three (3) – but he shouldn’t be cutting that close to pond. Brooke said he shouldn’t be cutting any more and there were one (1) or two (2) that he shouldn’t have but Mr. Moore stated that the person who did the damage now understands what he can and can’t do.

201 Tremont Street – wall construction

This is a rock and concrete wall that has been built between a new house and Sampson’s pond. These plans were approved back in December but the wall was not on the plans. A concern aside from the proximity to the water is that a similar request came though on Sampson’s pond and they did not allow it (precedent was set). Resident present to speak regarding the matter: Danny Warren of Church Street. Danny explained that he took out walls and replaced, so he didn’t realize he was doing anything wrong, he will do what he needs to do to fix the issue. Mr. Moore explained that the new wall needs to be taken out since they weren’t on the plan – they change the characteristics of the shoreline. He further explained that some of the wall was out their jurisdiction – MA DEP (Ch 91 license). Ms. Blackwell noted that we denied a very similar project for someone else and it isn’t fair to let this stay. Additionally, the wall is extending into the water and it could impact the endangered mussel in the water. Mr. Germain said this couldn’t be approved after the fact because of the future applicants, setting a precedent that people can just do what they want and the Commission will say its okay because it is already done. Danny was agreeable and didn’t deny doing something wrong, he explained that he didn’t realize he was doing something wrong. Mr. Moore added that if the walls were a part of the original plans, the Commission would have asked him to remove it. Danny requested the Commission to allow time for the water to pull back before the wall was taken out. Mr. Germain questioned if more damage would be done taking the wall out because of the vegetation that has been removed and it sparked a discussion of the best way to remove the wall. Mr. Germain made a motion to continue until May 19, seconded by Mr. Nauen and approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Lot 105 Rochester Road – JC Engineering

Mike from JC Engineering explained they were dividing 30 acres into three (3) lots, two (2) buildable and one (1) unbuildable on Rochester Road. There is a Southern lot and Northern Lot. Both require driveways. Mr. Moore requested that the Southern lot be shifted (straightening out the driveway) to be pushed completely outside the 100ft buffer zone. There is a small portion that falls inside the buffer zone and making this adjustment would move the entire driveway outside that zone. Ms. Blackwell made a motion to approve the updated plans, initialed by JC Engineering, seconded by Mr. Germain. Approved unanimously, 5-0-0. Plans were initialed by the members of the Commission.

Clean up at Pine Ridge Condominiums

Brooke visited the site and spoke to them about what they could and couldn't do. Mr. Moore asked if it was identified where the plaques needed to be replaced. Brooke confirmed they were.

NEW HEARINGS**O Meadow Street NOI SE#126-620**

Chris Wagner, representing applicant, Galehead Development for the proposed construction of a 1.4 megawatt ground mounted photovoltaic solar array. The proposed array is to be installed on the upland cranberry bog located on the property. There are five (5) bogs where the solar array will live contained entirely on bog 3. The total acreage of the bogs is 6.5 acres. The solar array will be surrounded by a 6-foot fence, and resource area and have minimal impact to the resources around it. The owners will be seeing this project to its completion – Mr. Germain asked the owners directly due to his concern of these types of projects changing hands. Galehead Development reassured the Commission that they won't sell the project once it begins and they intend to be the long-term owner of the project. The owners of the property also confirmed they would be mowing outside the fence once or twice a year and the power would be going back into the grid. Mr. Nauen made a motion to close hearing, Mr. Germain seconded, unanimously approved 5-0-0. AG motioned to approve the NOI as dated 4/8/2021, seconded by PB, approved unanimously 5-0-0. No variance is necessary because the work being done is agricultural and working within an upland bog. The applicants and members of the Commission signed the plans.

157 North Main Street NOI DEPSE#126-618

Continued to May 3

CONTINUED HEARINGS

129 CENTER STREET NOI DEP #126-614

7 WENHAM ROAD ANRAD 126-604

MINUTES:

To be read and approved for April 7, 2021

Mr. Germain motioned to approve minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

To be read and approved for April 8, 2021 – Executive Session

Mr. Nauen motioned to approve minutes, Mr. Germain seconded, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Mr. Germain motioned to adjourn, Ms. Blackwell seconded, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

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