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## CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021 MEETING

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

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 7:04P.M.

### **Lot 201A Tremont Street – Wall**

Date of the picture given to the Commission is August 9

Chris Lucas from Lucas Environmental regarding proposed environmental plan with Bill Madden from GAF. The plan is to take out the bottom stone and cement wall, keep the higher one, and maintain the land's integrity.

Mr. Germain said the commission wanted both walls removed and wanted to stabilize the bank – this is not better what was there before and they cannot allow this for all the people they said “no” to. 65 no build zone and then something was built

Danny said they had permission to build back what was originally there (referring to the building inspector) the suggestion was to put the railroad ties back.

Mr. Moore showed Danny a plan from the original proposal and there was back and forth regarding specifics to when changes were made to the plans, including turning the house. Mr. Moore redirected the conversation stating the issue was that none of the plans had the walls on them. Mr. Germain read the minutes from the meeting, which indicated they did not tell Danny to turn the house and the walls were not included on the plans.

Mr. Moore brought the conversation back to the main point which was setting a precedent of doing work and coming to the Commission after the fact. His suggestion is replacing “same with same” – and asked to see something like this – replacing the higher of the two walls with timber (not rock and cement) which eliminates the new construction and it becomes a repair of something that was once there and rotted away. This gives the Commission something to fall back on when someone comes forward next time – they can have an example. Danny said a stone and cement wall would be better and suggested just take it all out and get “really good insurance” and “hope for the best”.

Mr. Moore wants the wall to be timber. Mr. Germain asked the engineers how they would tie that into the land and they said they would have to figure that out. Mr. Moore elaborated that he (personally) would be lenient on the length of the wall since the orientation of the building was altered. Mr. Moore further explained what a repair would consist of and discussed further details around what this could include. Danny again mentioned the idea of pulling the walls entirely and

not replacing them. He elaborated on the cost, labor and other issues he would face with the initial build and what it would take to replace them.

Motion to continue until September 1 by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Nauen, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

#### **COC Requests:**

- **50 Pine Street – DEP# 126-20**
  - o Went to sell the house (old order of conditions for construction of house)
  - o Mr. Germain is abstaining since he abuts the property
  - o Motion to approve the COC by Mr. Nauen, seconded Ms. Blackwell, 4-0-1. Mr. Ger
- **41 South Meadow Road – DEP 126- 563**
  - o Motion to approve Mr. Germain, seconded by Ms. Blackwell 5-0-0.

#### **134 Main Street – Tree Cutting Request**

Brooke looked at trees – both are dead. No motion needed.

#### **5 Johns Pond – Update on Violation**

Went out there for a site visit and no drastic change was seen. Abutter was present Darlene Ferrante with a question about the process about the NOI so there can be a public discussion. Plans were just completed, NOI should be filed this week and then will be in the newspaper. The brush that was in the pond had been in the water prior to the residents purchasing the property but the property owners were brought before the Commission because of the patio being built. Tony said the wall that was there in bad shape but was made of timber. The abutter showed the Commission photos of what appeared to be a timber wall. It was inconclusive from the photos what was there so Mr. Moore said this would have to be continued so Tony could find pictures of the original wall made of timber.

Motion to continue until October 6, with no additional work done in the 65-foot no touch, made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, approved unanimously.

#### **Work on Pine Ridge Condo Fire Reserve Pond Update**

Harold explained the reserve pond was designed so the fire truck could pump water from it. It is currently 11 feet wide and it needs to be 15 feet wide. They collaborated with Makepeace and they agreed to do the work and put down crushed stone. Deputy Boyle will be doing a drill in the near future to test the reserve.

#### **MINUTES: JULY 21**

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Badger and approved unanimously 4-0-1. With Ms. Blackwell abstaining since she was not present for the meeting.

#### **CONTINUED HEARINGS**

**287 Tremont Street**

**NOI DEPSE#126-626**

Motion to adjourn Mr. Germain. Seconded by Ms. Blackwell. Unanimously approved 5-0-0.  
Adjourned 8:25 PM