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CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING

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

Mr. Moore opened the meeting at 7:03P.M.

Lot 201A Tremont Street – Wall

Applicant will be available on October 6. Mr. Germain said he would like to see a letter sent to him stopping all work until this is settled. Ms. Blackwell noted this should be a certified letter. Motion to send a cease-and-desist letter to 201A Tremont Street for a stop work order made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Request for Extension – Patriot Pines – DEP SE#126-553

Had some planning board issues and would like an extension until those are resolved. Conservation's involvement is minimal.

Motion to extend **DEP SE#126-553** made by Mr. Germain, seconded Mr. Nauen, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Solar Project update – DEP SE#126-584

Had a site visit regarding why the town was “growing telephone poles” and met with Sarah Sterns and Ian Ward and two representatives from the project. They showed the Commission why they were doing it this way (telephone poles rather than the metal). While using ground penetrating radar, the depths were more than they anticipated and they were not finding what they needed. They learned they would have to switch materials.

This plan is now mimicking what they are doing on Rochester Road. After reviewing with this the Commission learns that this makes sense in terms of efficiency and they are going to submit an “as-built” set of plans.

There is a portion at the back of the bog that has the cross piece already installed that they are utilizing as a “classroom”. Mr. Germain added that when you walk the project you see that the poles are aligned “perfectly” and it may look a little “funky” from the street but they have done a good job maintaining the bogs while working the project. Mr. Moore asked Sarah and Ian to contact Conservation Commission when some panels are up so they can take another look at the project. The other members were excited by this.

No vote is required, this discussion is informational.

Discussion on culvert a Cranebrook Restaurant

Mr. Moore has received some phone calls about issues at Sampson's Pond. Mr. Moore suggested that John Moore should come in to discuss what happened. He believes some of the boards that are still remaining in the culvert may be contributing to the high levels in Sampson's Pond. A grower who uses Sampson's Pond potentially lost some of his crop because his bog could not drain. Mr. Germain argued that we got 7 inches of rain. Ms. Blackwell noted that the boards in the culvert should at the very least, be removable. Mr. Moore continued that the pond has been high level (due to various factors) but is at a good level prior to a harvest. His suggestion is we figure out a way to keep the water at this level. Mr. Moore said John should come in and explain exactly what it is that needs to be done for the water levels.

NEW HEARINGS

318 Tremont Street

NOI DEPSE# 126-628

Brad Petolo, JC Engineering. The site is surrounded by active cranberry bogs – a majority of the site is outside of the 100 foot buffer zone. A portion of the paving was done within the 100-and-65-foot buffer zones. They are looking for permission and mitigation for the work already done within these buffer zones. Mr. Nauen asked what the plans for the property were – Brad explained they have a lot of utility trucks and it is for business purposes. Mr. Badger asked if everything has been completed and Brad confirmed it had. A discussion ensued about the frustration of asking for permission “after the fact”. Mr. Germain continued saying that people should know that Carver is wetlands and bogs. Mr. Moore said the west, south and east side need to have the fence swapped out that allows critters to pass through since it is within the 65-foot buffer zone. Further concerns discussed by Mr. Germain and Ms. Blackwell were in regards to the pavement and the equipment driving on the pavement. It was discussed about the different run-off concerns into the bogs and how the drainage needed to be addressed. Brad said there is a Cape Cod berm that pitches towards the retention basin. Mr. Germain used the plans to show a potential solution which suggests mitigation along the eastern side of the building. Mr. Moore said he wanted the pavement that is not grandfathered in (within a certain area of the plans) to be stripped out (roughly 11 feet). Ms. Blackwell said signs need to be put up so there is no confusion about the land's use (wetlands signs every 8 feet). Motion to continue the hearing until October 6 made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Mr. Nauen, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

105 Rochester Road

RDA

Scott from Grady Consulting. Work for land under agricultural use and would like to construct a farm pond to serve the blueberry farm. Motion to approve the RDA for with a negative determination by Mr. Germain and seconded by Ms. Blackwell, approved unanimously 5-0-0.

Existing Utility Right of Way

NOI DEPSE#

Continued

Other business

The commission took a minute to read an email regarding the Lakeview property. Mr. Badger pointed out that there has yet to be a discussion about what the Commission want to see for the property. Mr. Germain noted that the winter months are coming and we will start seeing the

property without the growth and have a better idea of what can be done with it. Mr. Moore discussed the details of the email. To Mr. Badger's point, Mr. Moore suggests this topic being added to the agenda for next meeting.

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 1

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Mr. Germain, seconded by Ms. Blackwell and approved 4-0-1.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

287 Tremont Street

NOI DEPSE#126-626

Continued to November 17.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Germain. Seconded by Ms. Blackwell. Unanimously approved 5-0-0.
Adjourned 8:10 PM.

6-Oct-21

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