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**CARVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MEETING**

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

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

DISCUSSION/BUSINESS:

187 Meadow Street

Derek Mansy (SP) – wants to put a home on the cranberry bog (and bring the bog back). The Commission had asked for some revisions to the original plans and he has come back to discuss those revisions. Derek explained that these plans show the entire property and getting the setbacks on the plans (65 & 100). Gary said they were asked to show the replication area and it has since been added. They want to fill approximately 2900 square feet. Gary said he want them to extend the wetlands delineation (3-1A). Mr. Moore noted that the markings for the 65 foot and 100-foot setbacks were backwards – they are measured off the corner of the house not the edge of the wetlands. Derek asked if he could turn the house to avoid disturbance of the wetlands. Mr. Moore said he needed the current delineation of the wetlands, a 65-foot line away from them on the upland side and a 100-foot line from them on the uplands side. Mr. Moore said they could have another discussion (prior to the NOI) so they could discuss any potential issues. Mr. Badger noted the regrading notes – they needed to be mindful of the setbacks for all work (including the driveway), not just the house. Derek said they didn't plan to asphalt the driveway but would note any changes in the grading. Mr. Moore explained that there is a color code for the buffer zones. Gary stated that they should consider hiring a consultant to assist them with the plans.

Pine Gate update

Julianne from Pine Gate – joined via Zoom for an update. The timber pile removal is nearing completion. There is one bog left on the Fremont side (~325 poles) expected to be out of the ground in the next 7 – 10 days. They went through the enforcement order – trying to get the ultimate approval with the state for the concrete poles. The design was considered not an allowable material. They got the feedback in August. In September they met in Carver with Gary (and others) and decided they would need to go back to steel piles (thicker than originally planned). They are testing approximately 20 steel piles to make sure it is an adequate material (and is structurally sound). Testing is anticipated to be completed in a few weeks – then go through the re-engineering of the project. Mr. Moore noted the steel poles is what was originally approved for these plans. Julianne said these piles will be thicker than what was originally proposed. Mr. Moore asked if the steel was an approved material under the SMART guidelines. He asked about testing of the wooden piles – the testing was completed but they do not have the results yet. Mr. Badger asked when the test results would be completed – she said they are expected in the coming weeks but have no hard timeline. He also asked about the depth of the testing – given the depth of the aquifer and was curious where the test samples were taken from. Julianne confirmed they were not taken from the bottom of the poles but it was between 6 inches to one foot (as agreed upon in the enforcement order). Mr. Moore noted the last test results took time to produce as well.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

0 South Meadow Road

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Continued until the November 16 meeting – Sarah Sterns has asked that anyone from the Commission who can attend on November 5 to attend a site walk.

UNANTICIPATED DISCUSSION

Henry Speranzini, from Meetinghouse Condominium Association, looking to install Bristol Style and Privacy fencing around the property. Pictures of the proposed fencing were supplied to the commission. They are proposing about 104 feet along the front, 108 feet along the side of the post office, and about 30 feet along the driveway side. The fencing on the south side of the property would run along the street to the existing structure of their building (back corner). Mr. Moore noted the fencing would run almost up to the 65-foot. He asked some clarifying questions about where the fence would stretch. Mr. Moore noted an NOI needed to be done. He said the fence in the front is not “so much” a problem. The fence that goes along the post office – he believed the fence would be about 6” off the ground. Mr. Moore said within the 100-foot zone they require critter fencing (lower 2 feet of the fence are 6” x 4” squares to accommodate animals). He continued by explaining what areas needed the critter fencing. Mr. Moore also explained what an NOI (Notice of Intent) is and why he would need one. Gary said he an RDA would be suitable (Request for Determination of Applicability). It would still be a public hearing but doesn’t require notification to the abutters. Mr. Moore suggested planting shrubs instead of the critter fence to provide privacy where he is looking for it. The Commission also suggested some angled fencing that he could use to continue the privacy and allow animals to get through.

MINUTES

To be read and approved for October 19, 2022. Meeting minutes are tabled until Mr. Germain is back.

Mr. Moore added that anyone interested in filling out an application for the Conservation Meeting

Gary said the November 16th meeting has a full agenda. There are a number of site visits that need to occur for that meeting (total of 4). There was a suggestion to walk the ANRAD property on November 15 at 10AM. These adjustments were made to accommodate Gary’s manager meeting. Also, the December 21 meeting may be moved – they would make that determination on December 7.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Badger, seconded by Mr. Hall, approved unanimously 3-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Swartz.