



MEDWAY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
155 Village Street Sanford Hall, Medway, MA 02053
April 11, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.

The Medway Conservation Commission (CONCOM) held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 11, 2019 at Sanford Hall, Medway, MA. In attendance were members, Dave Travalini, Brian Snow, David Blackwell, Dayna Gill, Scott Salvucci and Tracy Rozak, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent, Ken McKay, Margery Queenan

The meeting was called to order by the Conservation Commission Chairman, Mr. Travalini at 7:37pm.

Mr. Travalini asked the members of the board if there were any additional items to be added to the agenda. There were none.

Request for Determination of Applicability

11 Applegate Road (RDA-19-15) proposed removal of 6 white pine trees within the 25' no disturb zone

No one was present for the hearing.

Request for Certificate of Compliance

(DEP #216-0929) 0, 1, 3 Glen Brook Way and 31, 37 West Street proposal for a 5 Building Apartment Complex – Requesting Certificate of Compliance for work never commenced

Mr. Travalini stated that according to Agent Graziano this project never started and she recommends granting a Certificate of Compliance as it is an invalid order of conditions because the work never commenced.

Mr. Travalini made a motion to grant a certificate of compliance for (DEP #216-0929) 0, 1, 3 Glen Brook Way and 31, 37 West Street. Mr. Salvucci seconded the motion and it was voted to approve 5-0-0.

Discussion #1 Review of cutting at Choate Park with Peter and Steve

Mr. Travalini stated he and Agent Graziano went for a walk at Choate Park and saw that a number of trees were cut down in the north western end of the park. He stated there was no approval from the Commission to do this so we need to discuss what to do now. Mr. Peter

Pelletier was present for the meeting and stated they plan to do a 2-1 restoration of the trees and put in some shrubs. Mr. Travalini stated he should check with Agent Graziano as she has a recommended planting plan. Mr. Travalini also stated that if anyone ever asks him to take down any trees or clear brush from an area he should always check with Agent Graziano first.

Discussion #2 - Conway School of Landscape Design discussion on projects

Did not discuss as Agent Graziano is still working on this.

Discussion #3 - Amphitheatre Design, invasive species removal and other proposed work

Ms. Tina Wright was present for the discussion and stated she had Agent Graziano look at the area and squared it off with railroad ties. Agent Graziano stated that their original RDA expired and she was going to redo one. Ms. Wright asked if it is ok to go ahead and do the work to keep people from driving on it. She will work with Agent Graziano on getting another RDA.

Ms. Wright showed the work area on the projector screen. Ms. Wright stated they are working on a memorial peace garden for parents who have lost children. It is a walkway behind the invasive stuff. They would like to clear out all the invasive stuff such as buckthorn, bittersweet etc before it greens out. DPS said they would cut and haul it away. There is one area that has grapevines and they have a parent that offered to grow a grape arbor and train the grapes to grow over it.

Mr. Snow asked why the basketball court was taken down. Mr. Mahoney stated EFRAC wondered what Choate Park would look like in its entirety. This was a wide scope design and they needed to cut back and this is the second phase. Mr. Mahoney asked if the removal of brush would have any harm. Mr. Travalini would like to see a plan on paper that says when and what they plan to do. Mr. Travalini stated they could try using black plastic to cover the bamboo. Ms. Wright stated Mr. Jim Wickis agreed to meet us down there and flag stuff. Mr. Travalini stated she should ask Mr. Wickis about the best timing to cut down the bamboo. Ms. Wright stated they will look into how to maintain the bamboo later. She also asked if they could take down some of the limbs up about 20 feet or so. Mr. Travalini stated no they cannot take down any live tree limbs.

Discussion #4 Interview Candidates for the open Conservation Commission seat

Mr. Travalini stated they are interviewing candidates to replace the seat Ms. Queenan is vacating. He stated the ConCom would like to get more involved in climate change and climate mitigation in the future.

He stated the ConCom has two meetings per month for about 2 hours or more and they also do site walks 1-2x per month. Sometimes if there is a large project they will also go out and do the wetland delineation. He stated you need to have a willingness to learn the rules and regulations and really be committed to attending all the meetings.

- **Bill Goodwin**

Mr. Goodwin stated he lives at 5 Brookside Road. He moved here in the early 1990s. He has been before the committee before for projects on his own property as he is adjacent to the river. He feels the ConCom does important work. Bridget called him and asked if he would be interested in being on the board. He has a background in chemical engineering and has been on boards before and his parents were farmers. He would like this opportunity to serve the community. He asked how many people are on the board and how long do you sign up for. Mr. Travalini stated the Selectman approve each member for a term of three years.

- **Keith Downing**

Mr. Downing stated he graduated from Framingham State in 2016 and studied Cardiology and Biology. He worked at Acorn State Park doing labor and then became the supervisor. Then he got into surveying for the last 3 years and is working toward his LRST. He stated he also took the US Army Core of Engineers Wetland Delineation. He thinks this would be a good way to get more experience. He spoke to Bridget awhile back and she suggested coming to some of their meetings and he has gone to several. He stated he has done a few delineations and currently works for Hancock Associates in Framingham. Prior to that he worked for Beales & Thomas in Southborough.

- **Candidates at 4 Oak Street**

Discussion #5 Tree Protection Bylaw Proposal

Mr. Travalini stated it looks like Bridget took the Arlington bylaws and combined it with our bylaws. Mr. Snow has some concern with comparing the two towns as they are vastly different towns. Mr. Snow does not want to make a bylaw for each and every tree in town as this is unrealistic. He would prefer to do a percentage of the trees. Dayna stated that Bridget is concerned about when the developer passes the house to the owner- what is to stop them from cutting down all the trees. There was a discussion about replacing trees with shrubs. Maybe they could offer a native landscaping design plan they could give out with the size and types of trees they recommend. Dave asked that everyone read the proposal by the next meeting.

Discussion #6 Medway Wetland Regulation update

Did not discuss this as most of the Con Com members had not reviewed the draft that Bridget wrote.

Discussion #7 Review of Comprehensive Permit for 39 Main Street for letter to ZBA for the April 24, 2019 meeting

Not discussed. Mr. Travalini stated he does not think Agent Graziano did this yet.

Public Hearing #1 – 54R Adams Street Notice of Intent (DEP #216-093X) proposal to construct a boardwalk across an intermittent stream and Bordering Vegetated Wetland and small footbridge east of the proposed boardwalk

Mr. Jim Wheeler and Mr. Paul Atwood were present for this hearing. Mr. Wheeler passed out the plan for the committee to review. Mr. Travalini asked why the boardwalk is up on cinder blocks. Mr. Atwood stated the plan is to embed them in the dirt. Mr. Travalini asked why they can't sit on the ground. Mr. Atwood stated because they tend to shift more. Mr. Wheeler stated the goal is to get the boardwalk off the ground. Mr. Travalini stated they should not put in a row of blocks but put them on each of the corners instead. Mr. Travalini stated that he and Agent Graziano went out and looked at the area they want to put the proposed ramp at and they feel it should be shifted over a little bit to save some trees. Mr. Travalini stated they could move it 25 feet west along the channel to a fairly treeless area. Mr. Atwood asked about moving it closer to Chicken Brook. Mr. Travalini stated that area is even wider. Ms. Gill asked if there are two bridges. Mr. Travalini stated one is an existing bridge and the other is the proposed boardwalk. Mr. Travalini asked if they plan to use those little auger things. Mr. Wheeler stated yes they will use 4 augers. Mr. Travalini stated there is an old concrete culvert that collapsed and it would be a good idea to add this to their NOI. Mr. Travalini stated it would be better to put all their plans on one NOI so that everything is covered. They need a new set of plans to include the culvert and footbridge.

Mr. Travalini made a motion to continue 54R Adams Street Notice of Intent (DEP #216-093X) to the April 25, 2019 meeting at 7:45 pm. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion and it was voted to approve 5-0-0.

Public Hearing #2 – 148 Summer Street Notice of Intent (DEP #216-093x) Proposal to install a replacement septic system and abandonment of the old system

This hearing was not opened.

Public Hearing #3- (continued from 3/28/19) 23 West Street/ 32 Stone Drive New England Power Notice of Intent DEP #216-0932) proposal to complete refurbishment of Transmission Lines 303&315/327/3520 through (3) structure replacements, widening of access roads, upgrades and work pad construction

No one was present for this hearing.

Per the request of the applicant, Mr. Travalini made a motion to continue 23 West Street/ 32 Stone Drive New England Power Notice of Intent DEP #216-0932) to the April 25, 2019. Mr. Snow seconded the motion and it was voted to approve 5-0-0.

Approval of minutes 7/26/18, 12/13/18, 1/10/19, 2/14/18, 2/28/19, 3/14/19, 3/28/19

No meeting minutes were approved at this meeting.

Agent Report

- Review the CPC proposal for funding

Not discussed as the agent was absent.

Chair Report

Mr. Snow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Ms. Gill seconded the motion and it was approved. 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak

Documents Presented at the April 11, 2019

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files

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- WPA Form 3
- Plan titled, “Plot Plan of Land in Medway” by Paul Atwood dated, February 21, 2019

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Not discussed, hearing continued.