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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

Members Present: Alan Weinberg, Acting Chair
Gail Feldman
Diane Francis
Matthew Hobin

APPROVED

Staff: Kelly Phelan

Public Hearings

Notice of Intent DEP File #8-613 825 Granite St./Sealcoating, Inc.

Attorney Frank Marinelli was present on behalf of Sealcoating, Inc., with the principles of the company, Elizabeth "Biffy" Wuori and Richard Goodick. Also present was Tom French of Highpoint Engineering.

Mr. Weinberg asked if the applicant if they had received the comment letter from the Town Engineer, Robert Campbell. Mr. Marinelli said they just saw it. Mr. Weinberg read the letter from the Town Engineer (dated December 13, 2011) into the record. In the letter, Mr. Campbell said he was satisfied that the proposed modifications to the site adequately protect the Town's interest.

Mr. Marinelli said this was their fourth public hearing and they appreciate the work the Commission has put into the project. He said they received approval from the Planning Board Tuesday night and he listed the stormwater improvements they will make to the site such as the stormceptor, recharge units and settling basin.

Tom French addressed the draft conditions. He requested that condition #36 regarding the two-foot separation to groundwater be revised to require this separation only from the bottom of the subsurface

recharge units. Based on information available from the adjacent site on Lundquist Dr., they expect groundwater to be two feet below the bottom of the settling basin as well but may be slightly less. The groundwater level on the adjacent site was observed to be 113.8' and the bottom of the basin is 115.8'. Staff said that given the redevelopment of the site, this issue could be a case of meeting the standard to the "maximum extent practicable".

Mr. Weinberg suggested adding language to condition #36 that the documentation received from the soil scientist be signed and stamped. Mr. French said they would be able provide that.

Mr. Weinberg suggested clarifying condition #47 on certification of the compensatory flood storage. He suggested it refer to condition #45 which states the specific volumes of flood storage to be filled and created.

Motion by Mr. Hobin, second by Ms. Francis, to accept the conditions as amended for 825 Granite St., File number 8-613. Vote: 4-0.

Motion by Ms. Francis, second by Mr. Hobin, to close the public hearing for 8-613. Vote: 4-0.

Other Business

8-603 Request for Certificate of Compliance 79 Canavan Dr./Zechello

Staff said they received the as-built plan and she made a site visit for this in-ground pool project. It is all set with the exception of pulling up the haybale stakes and removing some old metal from the wetland. She suggested holding off on this until that it done.

Eaton's Pond – Mountain Bike Trails

Staff walked the area with Steve Cobble from the New England Mountain Bike Association. There is minimal clearing involved other than pruning overhanging branches. Also they would replace two rusted metal "bridges" with timber deck bridges which require no excavation, they rest on the ground. Staff felt that based on the limited activity, they could proceed without filing a Request for Determination of Applicability. The Commission agreed, noting that it will be an improvement to the area.

Letter to Blue Hill Cemetery

Mr. Weinberg noted for the record, the enforcement letter (dated 12/14/2011) which staff sent to the Blue Hill Cemetery, a copy of which was provided to the Commission.

Signing Acceptance of Deed – Rear Devon Woods

Staff said the land donation from Robert Cullinane which the Commission had voted to accept on May 5, 2011 had been finalized. The Town Council signed the deed.

Motion by Ms. Feldman, second by Mr. Hobin, to accept the deed to the two parcels behind Devon Woods.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Francis, second Ms. Feldman, to accept the minutes of December 1st. Vote: 4-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Feldman, second by Ms. Francis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Vote: 4-0.