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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013

APPROVED

Present: Patrick Flynn, Chair; Gus Murphy, Vice Chair; Diane Francis; Matthew Hobin; Daniel J. McMorrow; Alan Weinberg & Kelly Phelan, Staff

Absent: Gail Feldman

Public Hearings

Notice of Intent

8-618 Lot 6G Washington St./Hart

Mr. Flynn opened the hearing on 8-618. Sean Hardy, the project engineer was present. Mr. Hardy said he had received the draft conditions and that the applicant has no complaint with them.

Mr. Flynn asked staff if she had any comment on the conditions. Staff noted the erosion control condition called for extending the haybale line to allow for creation of lawn area behind the house so that the applicant won't have to file another application for that work. Also the condition for "no-disturb" markers along the 50 foot buffer zone was included.

Mr. Hardy said they would carry the erosion control line across the property.

Mr. Flynn asked for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to find the project significant to the Wetland Protection Act & bylaw and issue the conditions as drafted. Vote: 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to close the public hearing for 8-618. Vote: 6-0.

Other Business

Request for Certificate of Compliance

8-604 39 Vinedale Rd./Metropolitan Yacht Club

Jeff Davis was present representing the Metropolitan Yacht Club.

Staff noted that when out to do the final inspection for the revetment project she learned that a boat wash basin had been installed without review or approval by the Commission. Mr. Davis had attended the last Commission meeting to discuss the work. At that meeting, he provided staff a copy of the operation procedure for the basin and an email chain regarding the need for MWRA approval. The discussion was continued to tonight's meeting to allow staff to review that information.

Staff said that she understood the operation better now. In addition to the collection tank and pump and separation tank, there is approximately 150 feet of washing machine hose which runs from the separation tank across the parking lot, into the building where it discharges into a laundry sink. She said there is a high potential for operator error.

Staff also noted that she had made efforts to confirm with MWRA that a sewer connection permit was not needed. The email chain between Mr. Davis and Carl Pawlowksi (a club member who is also an MWRA employee) noted that a Peter Yarossi had indicated that a permit was not needed for flows under 300 gallons day. Staff had called and emailed Mr. Yarossi to confirm this but had not received a response. Then she called the MWRA general permit number to inquire. She spoke to a Tom Coffey in the Toxics Reduction department. Mr. Coffey said that a permit may be required and he would follow up with the yacht club.

Mr. Flynn asked what the club did before they installed this system. Mr. Davis said they just washed the boats in the parking lot. He said they were just washing off what came out of the river anyway. Mr. Flynn said the issue was the paint washing off into the river.

Staff asked about the potential for the material collected in the filter mat to be washed off when it rains. If the mat hasn't dried and had the material swept up it must wash off. Mr. Davis said they don't wash when it rains.

Mr. Flynn asked staff to make site visits during the operating season to see how things are going. He said it is a step in the right direction and better than allowing the wash runoff to go into the river.

Mr. McMorrow said the Commission has to have a certain amount of trust that things are being operated correctly. He added that the question of the MWRA permit should be resolved.

Mr. Hobin asked for clarification that they remove sediment from the separation tank once the tank is pumped out. Mr. Davis said they do and they sweep sediment up from the filter mat.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 8-604.
Vote: 6-0.

Ranger

Mr. Flynn asked staff to have the conservation ranger attend the February 7th meeting to update the Commission on his activities.

Meeting Attendance

Staff said that the issue of confirming attendance for meetings was an ongoing problem. She discussed this with the Director and will return to a previously discussed policy- if a quorum is not confirmed by Tuesday before the meeting, she will cancel the meeting. She noted that this may cause problems since any legal notices and abutter notification will have already been done. Members agreed to confirm attendance promptly.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Murphy second by Ms. Francis, to accept the minutes of December 20, 2012. Vote: 6-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Murphy second by Mr. Weinberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM. Vote: 6-0.