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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Members Present: Patrick Flynn, Chair  
Gus Murphy, Vice Chair  
Gail Feldman  
Matthew Hobin  
Alan Weinberg

Staff: Kelly Phelan

**APPROVED**

### Public Hearings

#### **Notice of Intent DEP File #8-610 60 Harness Lane Extension/West Point Development**

George Collins, civil engineer, was present with Mike Amedo of West Point Development. Mr. Collins said that since the last meeting he had met with staff in the field and made modifications to the plan. He flipped the garage location to be almost identical with the previously approved plan. This helps to eliminate driveway pavement. He added infiltrators for roof runoff. And he added a stone retaining wall at critical point in the driveway access and there will be 8 feet from that wetland flag to the wall.

Mr. Collins said that there is construction debris near the entrance to the four lots. This will be removed and the area restored. They will leave the trees, remove weeds and plant 30 native shrubs from a list provided by staff.

Mr. Flynn asked for clarification that they are cutting into the 25 foot zone just at the curve of the driveway. Mr. Collins said that was correct. Mr. Flynn asked about the slope. Mr. Collins said the slope would be vegetated.

Staff said she felt the revised plan minimized the buffer zone impacts but allowed them to move forward with what was previously approved.

Mr. Murphy said that because this project was approved by the prior board and because the applicant had made concessions, he was willing to support it. He said that he would not be in favor if this had not already been approved.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to continue 8-610 to October 6<sup>th</sup> for draft conditions.  
Vote: 5-0

**Notice of Intent DEP File 8-611  
257 Ivory St./Covanta SEMASS LP**

Al Trakimas from SITEC Environmental was present with Len Landry, station manager for Covanta.

Staff said that she had prepared the draft conditions. One of the conditions is that the Commission received a copy of the DEP permit for the landfill liner work.

Mr. Trakimas said they reviewed the conditions and their only comment was that condition 22a be amended to read "construction" activities. Mr. Trakimas also said they revised the stormwater O&M Plan.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to find the project significant to the state Wetland Act and local wetland bylaw and interests of the Act. Vote: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Hobin, to accept the conditions (as amended for 22a). Vote: 5-0

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to close the public hearing for 8-611. Vote 5-0.

**Notice of Intent DEP File 8-609  
700 Rear West St./ Blue Hill Cemetery Crematory**

Michael Modestino was present as the attorney representing the applicant. Mr. Modestino said they received the draft condition and that Mr. Crispin, the project engineer, had gone over them with staff.

Staff said she wanted to point out condition #35 to the Commission. The threshold for alteration of bordering land subject to flooding is exceeded with this project however, a wildlife habitat analysis had not been done per 310 CMR 10.57(4)(a)(3) because the area to be altered is existing pavement, grass and previously altered area.

Mr. Crispin said he would like condition #40 regarding de-icing use to be amended to allow for salt use on walkways and paths. Mr. Flynn said he did not have a problem with that. Mr. Murphy said the same. Staff amended the condition as such.

Ms. Feldman asked about the floodplain. Mr. Crispin said that his model had been revised based on the Town Engineer's input and this raised the flood elevation. He said they would be providing the full amount of compensatory flood storage in the front yard (staff note: up to 120.7' NGVD).

Staff said they are providing compensatory storage in compliance with the regulations.

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

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Hobin, to find the project significant to the state Wetland Act and local bylaw and state interests for 8-609 700 Rear West St. Vote: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to issue the conditions as amended for #40. Vote: 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Murphy, to close the public hearing. Vote: 5-0.

Staff said she wanted to let the Commission know about an issue with the cemetery posting "no trespassing" signs on conservation land. The land is between the cemetery and Brierwood Rd. Staff she understood that the cemetery would relocate the signs to their property boundary within the next few weeks.

## **Other Business**

### **8-604 Metropolitan Yacht Club Revetment Repair Project/Minor Modification**

Peter Williams from Vine GZA was present with Steven Greer from the Metropolitan Yacht Club. Mr. Williams said that they had made minor modifications to the project plans since it was approved. He said the stone revetment replacing the timber bulkhead has been pulled back so there will be less impact. He said the walkways over both revetments have been scaled back and they will be replacing pavement expected to be disturbed during construction.

Staff said she had reviewed the revised plans and agreed that it was a reduction of impact.

Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Ms. Feldman, to accept the changes to 8-604. Vote: 5-0.

### **Sunset Lake Stormwater Project - Funds**

Staff said that she had received the bids for construction of the project and they were higher than expected and gave the Commission a handout (dated September 22, 2011) with information on the project budget and shortfall amount.

Motion by Ms. Feldman, second by Mr. Hobin, to provide the additional funding of \$6710 needed to move forward with the contract for construction. Vote: 5-0.

Staff said this amount was only for the parking lot and high school access drive work, not the Stormceptor installation on the Pond St. pipe.

Mr. Flynn suggested the Commission schedule a discussion on how to move forward with this at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **June 16, 2011 Minutes**

Staff said she compared the transcript to the minutes as requested and the content in the minutes is in the transcript.

Ms. Feldman said that she wanted it to be in the record that she asked for reconsideration of the project rather than just looking at the conditions. She said she was willing to accept to the minutes as revised.

Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Mr. Hobin, to approve the June 16, 2011 minutes. Vote: 5-0.

### **September 6, 2011 Minutes**

Staff said that Mr. Weinberg had pointed out some errors in the minutes. The word "was" will be added to two sentences on page 2 and 3.

Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Mr. Hobin, to approve the September 6, 2011 minutes as amended. Vote: 5-0.

## **Adjourn**

Motion by Mr. Murphy, second by Mr. Hobin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Vote: 5-0.