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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2019

Members present: Christopher Brown; Chairman, George Reich, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

Request for Determination of Applicability – 10 Willow Brook Lane

Present: Mike Pietras, P.E.

This request is for the proposed construction of a single family home, utilities and grading. The majority of the work will be done outside the wetland buffer zone. There will be a fence, grading and seeding done inside the 100' Buffer Zone of BVW but will be a minimum of 50' from BVW. Small brush will be removed within the 100' Buffer Zone to facilitate the installation of the fencing. The grading will not alter the flood zone elevations. Permanent markers will be installed at the limit of work.

Motion: George Reich, close the public meeting and issue a Negative #3 with the requirement of erosion controls and a Positive #5 for the Wilbraham Wetland By-law

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in Favor: George Reich, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability and WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability

Enforcement Order – 65V Lake Drive (continued from September 23, 2019)

Present: Heather Comee, Wetlands Consultants Inc.

An Enforcement Order was issued to the owner of the parcel for clear cutting the site without filing a Notice of Intent or a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission for the work that was completed and never approved.

Ms. Comee, Mr. Methe and several of the Conservation Commission members met at the site on September 28, 2019 to observe the remaining stumps, alterations made, regrowth and wetlands.

Ms. Comee presented a restoration plan that included removing the Poke Weed that has sprouted on the mulch pile and replacing it with winter rye for stabilization of the bank. Tree replanting included grey birch as it is fast growing and can survive in many types of soil conditions. The question still remains on how many of the existing trees were cut down inside the 100' Buffer Zone of BVW. And does planting a few small trees make up for the removal of several large mature trees? After several minutes of discussion regarding the tree replacements, the Conservation Commission agreed that more info is needed to approve the quantity and size of the tree replacements.

Motion: George Reich, approve the removal of the Poke Weed and the planting of Winter Rye, install straw waddles on the slope of the mulch pile, repair the existing erosion controls as needed and return to the meeting scheduled for October 21, 2019 at 7:00 with the information regarding the trees.

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in Favor: George Reich, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 9 – Enforcement Order

Minutes – September 23, 2019

Motion: George Reich, approve as amended

2nd: James Roberts

Unanimously in Favor: George Reich, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman

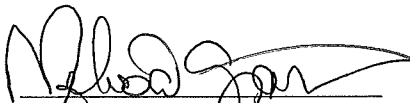
Discussion: 2020 Community Preservation Projects

- New Hiking Trail Master Maps similar to the “This Land is Your Land” handout
- Money for future land purchases and acquisitions
- Tree Removal for dead/diseased trees and replanting native healthy trees
- Informational Kiosk at Oakland Street Conservation Area and fencing
- Informational Kiosk at the Sawmill Pond Conservation Area


Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on October 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant
Date: 11/18/19



Christopher Brown, Chairman
Date: 11/18/19