ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 21, 2014 7:15 PM

TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET

ROOM 204



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Andrew Magee, Amy Green, Theresa Portante-Lyle,

Tom Amold, Jim Colman, Bill Froberg

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Marta Nover, Rebecca Williamson, Adria Osborne Cohen, Janet Adachi, Paul Malchodi, Tom Michelman

7:15 Notice of Intent - 15 Main Street (020)

The Proposed project is to replace the existing 30" culvert and headwalls with a new 30" culvert with concrete headwalls. The existing driveway will be resurfaced. The lot and driveway are located within the 100 foot buffer zone.

Hearing opened at 7:20 PM. Richard Harrington, from Stamski and McNary, Inc. represented the applicant, John Anderson. The intent of the project is to fix an existing problem. Mr. Anderson explained that the flooding was occurring upstream. Ms. Green asked if the stream would be dewatered, and Mr. Harrington responded that their intention was to wait until August to initiate the project.

Ms. Green also asked if they had considered applying the Stream Crossing Guidelines and Mr. Harrington explained that they didn't want to change the culvert size to avoid potential downstream flooding. New headwalls will be installed.

The hearing closed at 7:25

Decision:

- Mr. Magee moved to issue a standard order of conditions, with the following special conditions:
- 1. Work will be conducted during the low flow period, to be confirmed with the Conservation Administrator prior to commencement.
- 2. Conditions 18 and 19 will be removed.
- Mr. Arnold seconded, all in favor.

7:30 Notice of Intent - Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, Continuation (030)

Review draft of Special Conditions.

Mr. Maitland asked Rebecca (Becky) Williamson for details about the scheduling of the project. Ms. Williamson responded that the project advertisement for bid date is July 5th as stated in advertisements.

Discussion around mitigation:

Mr. Michelman stated that the "Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail" has existed for 10 years and they are looking for ways to spend some of the monies they've accumulated. They would be willing to supporting a mitigation project such as regularly pumping the NARA Park septic system. Mr. Froberg asked if the "Friends" would continue support this after the trail is completed. Mr. Michelman responded that, yes, they would continue to maintain and beautify the trail (in the by-law?).

Mr. Arnold asked about the Rain Garden and was told that funds are available.

9:55: The discussion was continued to May 27 at 7:30 AM. Mr. Maltland agreed to edit the draft of the special conditions based on input from the meeting.

Notice of Intent – 114 River Street

(040)

Hearing was continued to June 4th at 7:15 PM.

Notice of Intent - 12 Summer Street

(050)

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10:00 Quail Ridge Conservation Restriction update

Mr. Colman reported that there was one outstanding issue between Pulte Homes and the Conservation Commission. That is the "future use" clause. The specific points of contention are first, how to handle non-use over a period of five years and abandonment for five years, since that eliminates the ability to declare that they are done. And second, who is responsible for dismantling remaining structures?

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May 7, 2014, reviewed by AM

Decision: Commission had not sufficiently reviewed. Delayed until next meeting.

May 15, 2015, reviewed by AM

Decision: Commission had not sufficiently reviewed. Delayed until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 10:30 PM

Chairperson

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Amended AGENDA

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