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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

APPROVED

Members Present: Patrick Flynn, Chair
Gail Feldman
Diane Francis
Gus Murphy
Alan Weinberg

Staff: Kelly Phelan

Public Hearings

None scheduled

Other Business

Request for Certificate of Compliance 8-577 Arnold St. /Graziano

*Documents: 1) Analytical Report by Alpha Analytical
Dated: 10/15/10
2) Inspection and Monitoring Schedule*

Staff reviewed the project and noted that since the discussion at the previous meeting there was discharge from the settling basins. The consultant provided test results on this charge for iron and Total Suspended Solids. The results are within the acceptable limits. Also members of the Commission visited the site on September 14, 2010 to make their own observations.

Ms. Feldman said she was concerned with maintenance of the basins.

Mr. Flynn said that the discharge from the basin flows through a wetland before reaching the river so it would get additional treatment.

Mr. Murphy and Ms. Feldman would like the maintenance plan to be improved. Staff will ask the applicant to improve this and put the Request back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Flynn suggested that the Commission do site visits in the summer (daylight hours after work) to various sites around Town to see if maintenance is being done.

NSTAR ROW Maintenance

Documents: October 15, 2010 Letter from NSTAR

NSTAR sent notice to the Commission that they will be doing work on their utility Right of Way through Cranberry Pond to maintain access routes.

Mr. Murphy said he has been out there and they cut back more than they need to.

Mr. Weinberg would like them to notify staff when they are starting work.

Status of Enforcement at 2 Garden Park

*Documents: Existing Conditions Plan at 2 Garden Park
Dated; October 3, 2010*

Staff said that Mr. McGourty had taken a lot of the fill out but that the survey plan shows that there is still fill remaining in the floodplain. At the visit, Mr. McGourty said he would have his engineer contact her to address this and that he will take more out if necessary. Staff said she hasn't heard from the engineer but will contact him to finalize this.

Ms. Feldman said the site looks much better. Ms. Francis agreed.

Mr. Weinberg asked about the surface. Staff said it is mulch. Mr. Weinberg brought up revegetating it. Mr. Flynn said it would grow back naturally.

Staff also noted that a court date on the fine has been scheduled (November 18th). Mr. Flynn said he would consider waiving the fine if the remaining fill is out by the court date and asked how the other members felt.

Mr. Weinberg and Mr. Murphy said they did not support waiving the fine because it is the only teeth the Commission has and loses its effectiveness if waived.

Stormwater Education

Staff will make a stormwater page on the Department's website with information for residents and business.

Release of As-Built Guarantee

Staff said that the Commission had voted to issue the Certificate of Compliance for the Citigo mooring dolphin project (file #8-587) back in February. Staff inadvertently did not ask the Commission to vote to release the as-built guarantee at that time and requested the vote to release it now because the project has been successfully "closed-out" since the February vote.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Ms. Francis, to release the as built guarantee. Vote: 5-0.

Deicer Request

Documents: Material Safety Data Sheet for Caliber M 1000

Staff said she had been contacted by the landscape/snowplowing company for 175 Campanelli Drive that day. They have a restriction on salt use at the site from an old Order of Conditions and are looking for an alternative to sand. They proposed using a liquid magnesium chloride and provided the Material Safety Data Sheet MSDS. Staff said that in her research the best alternative deicer is calcium magnesium acetate but that it is very expensive.

Ms. Francis said she would look into this.

Staff will also do more research for the next meeting.

No Hunting Signs

Staff ordered more "no hunting" signs because the ranger has posted all of the existing supply and asked the Commission to approve this expenditure. The cost is \$130 for 200 signs.

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Ms. Francis, to pay for the additional signs. Vote 4-1 with Mr. Murphy opposed. Note: Mr. Murphy stated that he is opposed to prohibiting hunting.

Minutes

Documents: Minutes of 10/7/10 meeting

Motion by Ms. Francis, second by Mr. Murphy, to approve the minutes of the October 7th meeting. Vote: 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Weinberg, second by Mr. Hobin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Vote: 5-0.