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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 6, 2016

Julie Flynn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Laurie Finne, Vincent Licciardi, Don Pearson, Sharon Kelley-Parrella, and Michael McInnis were present. Charles Rooney III was absent. Winifred McGowan, Assistant Director of Planning & Conservation, was also present.

PUBLIC MEETING - REQUEST FOR A DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY - 250 MIDDLESEX AVENUE - MAP 65 PARCEL 6

Documents: Mortgage Inspection Plan, 250 Middlesex Avenue, last revised 12/4/1015

No one came to present this request, filed after the fact. W. McGowan explained that an inground pool was being removed and filled in. The owner was directed to remove fill that spilled into the wetlands, install erosion controls, stabilize the ground, and to file with the Conservation Commission. The owner said he would clean up debris that had been dumped in the wetlands by prior owners, when it could be removed by hand.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED:

To issue a negative Determination of Applicability for 250 Middlesex Avenue – Map 65 Parcel 6

PUBLIC MEETING - REQUEST FOR A DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY - 4 BIRCH ROAD - MAP 31 PARCEL 27

Documents: As Built Plan, 4 Birch Road, last revised 12/15/15

Present in Interest: Scott and Stephanie Eccleston, owners

S. Eccleston presented a plan to remove 3 trees, two very close to the house. They are concerned that one tree might encroach into their leaching field and all the trees pose a danger to the house, especially the two that are a few feet from the deck. The large pine on the left has multiple trunks, is injured. The middle tree is misshapen and overhangs the deck. There was discussion about the health of the trees, the values to the resource areas and the large, farthest pine, which is over 40 feet away and close to the stream. The commission will give permission to remove only trees labeled one and four. The farthest tree will stay.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED:

To issue a negative Determination of Applicability for 4 Birch Road – Map 31 Parcel 27

OTHER BUSINESS
REQUEST FOR A MODIFICATION FOR 50 FAULKNER AVENUE – MAP 70 PARCEL 8A –
DEP File #344-1290

The new owners installed a shed and are asking for permission, before the Certificate of Compliance is released, to keep the shed. W. McGowan noted that it is out of the Buffer Zone and stated the building inspector did not have a problem with the shed's location. A letter will be sent to remind the owners about the downspouts and yard wastes area.

VOTED:

To approve a minor modification for 50 Faulkner Avenue - Map 70 Parcel 8A-

DEP File #344-1290

AGENT UPDATE -KEOLIS (RAILROAD) 2016-2020 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN W. McGowan stated that the railroad filed a 5-year vegetation management plan (VMP), but did not confirm the resource areas, part of the requirement for the VMP. She commented that the railroad is required to file an RDA and has not.

AGENT UPDATE -FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS

Incorporating the 2011 flood maps into the Zoning Bylaw will be on the warrant for the 2016 Town Meeting.

AGENT UPDATE - SILVER LAKE

There was no treatment to control the vegetation at Silver Lake in 2015.

AGENT UPDATE - 3 HAROLD AVENUE - MAP 23 PARCEL 101

The sand box area was loamed, seeded, and mulched with straw. The slope soil was pulled back up, so the slope remained as steep as before and was mulched. The slope continues to erode and may need repairs in the spring. W. McGowan stated that she still did not see seed by the former shed's wall or the wood mulched flat area. D. Pearson asked if the slope is greater than 2:1. Engineer had indicates last time that it is not. This home is being sold and the new owners will be responsible for the growth of the vegetation.

MINUTES - October 21, 2015, November 4, 2015, & December 2, 2015

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted with

L. Finne recusing herself from the vote on the October minutes

VOTED:

To approve the October 21, 2015 minutes

J. Flynn and S. Kelley-Parrella recusing themselves from the vote on the November minutes

VOTED: To approve the November 4, 2015 minutes

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S.Kelley-Parella and M. McInnis recusing themselves from the vote on the December minutes

VOTED: To approve the December 2, 2015 minutes

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to come before the Conservation Commission, it was

VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Elizabeth Lawrenson

Senior Clerk