

TOWN of WILMINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & CONSERVATION

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 2, 2019

Sharon Kelley-Parrella, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Theron Bradley, Vincent Licciardi, Laurie Finne, Donald Pearson, Laura T. deWahl, and Michael McInnis were present. Ryan Hale, Conservation Agent, and Catherine Pepe, Senior Clerk of Planning & Conservation were also present.

CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT – 175 Middlesex Avenue – Map 63 Parcel 7 – DEP File #344-1420

Documents:

GIS Map, dated November 8, 2018

Existing Conditions Plan, dated July 10, 2018

Outdoor Seating Area Plan, dated November 7, 2018

Present in Interest:

Christine Stewart, Town of Wilmington, Library Director

- D. Pearson recused himself as he is on the Library Board of Trustees.
- C. Stewart presented the proposed outdoor seating area in back of the library that is currently maintained lawn and is within the 100' buffer zone. The seating area will be concrete with picnic tables, benches, and some plantings. Educational signage of the surrounding wetlands are planned for future installation. This proposed area will offer patrons a place to sit outside, read, and learn about the wetlands and wildlife. C. Stewart advised that funds for this project were raised separately and not coming out of Town funds.
- R. Hale advised that the proposed plan meets the 15' and 25' setbacks. One (1) tree will be removed and one (1) tree will be planted along with shrubs. There is a vernal pool in the area that will add a great deal to the educational piece. L. deWahl suggested a graveled trench around the concrete area so stormwater will drain into the gravel instead of directly into the wetlands. C. Stewart agreed to the gravel and R. Hale advised it would be added to the Order of Conditions. T. Bradley questioned the 25' setback is for single family residences where commercial is a 50' setback. This property appears to fall under neither and suggested clarifying this in the future.
- M. McInnis suggested educational signage be similar to the signs at the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. T. Stewart advised that funding for the signage would come later.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To close the Public Hearing for 175 Middlesex Avenue – Map 63 Parcel 7

- DEP File #344-1420

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To issue the Order of Conditions for 175 Middlesex Avenue - Map 63

Parcel 7 - DEP File #344-1420

NOTICE OF VIOLATION UPDATES

30 Kilmarnock Street – Map 74 Parcel 6 - Matt Giangregorio, homeowner, requested to present the restoration plan at the February 6, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting as they need some additional time to complete the restoration plan. The Commission agreed.

91 Salem Street – Map 83 Parcel 7 – Edward and Winifred Barrasso requested to present their restoration plan at the February 6, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting due to family concerns. The Commission agreed.

EXTENSION PERMIT FOR ORDERS OF CONDITIONS – 900 Salem Street – Map R1 Parcel 28 – DEP File #344-1326

Documents:

Letter from EA Engineering, Science, & Technology, Inc., dated

December 13, 2018

Benevento Family Limited Partnership requested a six (6) month Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions for DEP File #344-1326.

R. Hale advised that the Order of Conditions was issued to create a stormwater swale that has not been started yet. R. Hale suggested a one (1) year extension instead of the requested six (6) months.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously

VOTED:

To approve the Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions - Map R1

Parcel 28 – DEP File #344-1326 extending the expiration for one (1) year,

to May 16, 2020

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 200 Research Drive – Map R3 Parcel 402 – DEP File #344-223

Documents: Existing Conditions Survey Plan of Land, dated December 12, 2018

Present in Interest:

Bridget Souza, Allen & Major

Patrick Seekamp, Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Scott Foberg, Wakefield Investments, Inc.

B. Souza reviewed the submittal of the Request for Certificate that included an As-Built and an Operation & Maintenance Plan.

R. Hale advised that the submitted documentation was very thorough and that all the conditions have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 200 Research Drive – Map R3

Parcel 402 - DEP File #344-223

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - 600 Research Drive - Map R3 Parcels 31, 31A, 32, & 32A - DEP File #344-270

Documents:

Existing Conditions Survey Plan of Land, dated December 12, 2018

As-Built Plan, dated December 27, 2018

Wetland Replication Area Review, dated December 12, 2018

Present in Interest:

Bridget Souza, Allen & Major

Patrick Seekamp, Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Scott Foberg, Wakefield Investments, Inc.

B. Souza reviewed the submittal of the Request for Certificate that included an As-Built, an Operation & Maintenance Plan and a Wetland Replication Area Review.

R. Hale advised that the wetland replication and all other conditions for 600 Research Drive have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 600 Research Drive – Map R3

Parcels 31, 31A, 32, & 32A - DEP File #344-270

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - 600 Research Drive - Map R3 Parcels 31, 31A, 32, & 32A - DEP File #344-578

Documents:

Existing Conditions Survey Plan of Land, dated December 12, 2018

As-Built Plan, dated December 27, 2018

Wetland Replication Area Review, dated December 12, 2018

Present in Interest:

Bridget Souza, Allen & Major

Patrick Seekamp, Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Scott Foberg, Wakefield Investments, Inc.

B. Souza reviewed the submittal of the Request for Certificate that included an As-Built, an Operation & Maintenance Plan and a Wetland Replication Area Review.

R. Hale advised that the wetland replication and all other conditions for 600 Research Drive have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 600 Research Drive – Map R3

Parcels 31, 31A, 32, & 32A - DEP File #344-578

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - 800 Research Drive - Map R3 Parcel 30 - DEP File #344-786

Documents: Existing Conditions Survey Plan of Land, dated December 12, 2018

As-Built Plan, dated December 27, 2018
Wetland Replication Area Review, dated December 12, 2018

Present in Interest: Bridget Souza, Allen & Major

Patrick Seekamp, Seekamp Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Scott Foberg, Wakefield Investments, Inc.

B. Souza reviewed the submittal of the Request for Certificate that included an As-Built, an Operation & Maintenance Plan and a Wetland Replication Area Review.

R. Hale advised that the wetland replication and all other conditions for 800 Research Drive have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue the

To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 800 Research Drive - Map R3

Parcels 30 - DEP File #344-786

DISCUSSION

Draft of Conservation Land Stewardship Program Handbook – R. Hale has been working diligently on revising the Land Stewardship Program Handbook. It is ready for the Conservation Commission to review then he will forward it on to Jeff Hull, Town Manager, for his review as well to Town Counsel for their review and recommendations. He would like to launch it in time for Earth Day in April 2019. R. Hale will do some community presentations at the Town's Library and on WCTV as well as a nature walk, another Town Clean-Up Day during the week prior to Earth Day, and some other events.

Carol Wilkinson, a resident, would like to participate in the Land Stewardship Program and finds the current program vague. The areas are not well marked, the trail maps are vague, and she has safety concerns. R. Hale agreed with C. Wilkinson concerns and all the points will be addressed with the revised Land Stewardship Program. C. Wilkinson mentioned knowing some people who are willing to help and potentially become Land Stewards. R. Hale advised that the revised Land Stewardship Program will be unveiled the week before Earth Day and publicized through some WCTV broadcasts, displays at Town events like the Farmer's Market, and by working closely with Wilmington's Town Library through presentations/workshops. There will be a page on the Town of Wilmington's Planning & Conservation Department website that will be devoted to the Land Stewardship Program.

The following were suggested ways to look for Land Steward volunteers: M. McInnis suggested contacting the Boys & Girls Scouts, and working with individuals in the State's work release program. L. deWahl suggested the Americorp/Vista group as they are usually looking for summer projects. L. deWahl also suggested a Facebook group. L. Finne suggested an email group for distributing information. S. Kelley-Parrella suggested going to the schools and recruiting students who are looking for volunteer hours.

MINUTES - December 5, 2018

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED:

To approve the minutes for the December 5, 2018 with Laura T. deWahl,

Sharon Kelley-Parrella, and Laurie Finne abstaining

ADJOURN

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

VOTED:

To adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Pepe

Senior Clerk