

Approved
March 19, 2014

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Town Hall

Attendees: Trudy Vermehren, Terry Gips, Ginie Page, Lauren McKean, John Portnoy, Ed Simpson and Cary Rea

4:05 - Business Meeting & Conservation Agent's Report

Warrant Discussion – Warrant EC (Special Flood Hazard and Floodplain Zoning Bylaws). Harry Terkanian sent an e-mail from Coleen Bailey to the commission which described the new wording. The e-mail was dated 03/04/14, and the floodplain map and extension were approved by the Senate and Congress. The revised FEMA maps will not delay the implementation of the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps; however, there will be a delay in setting the new insurance rates. Because the new maps with new flood zone designations will be implemented, the language in the town bylaws has to be changed. Trudy Vermehren moved to support article EC; seconded by Lauren McKean; passed 7-0
EC ½: Language required to change the zoning bylaw. Trudy Vermehren moved to support EC ½; seconded by Cary Rea; passed 7-0.

Long-Term placement of containers/trailers located within buffer zones. Further research is required prior to further discussion. Richard Stevens, Building Inspector, requested clarification from the Planning Board regarding containers/trailers and what is considered “temporary”.

Hamblin Park – AmeriCorps wants to plant a commemorative holly or red maple tree at Hamblin Park.

Indian Neck Fencing: Trudy Vermehren reported that there was discussion at the Board of Selectmen's meeting and the Town Administrator recommended there be a public hearing regarding the fencing. There was discussion regarding the alternatives to fencing including: 1) signage indicating areas closed to vehicles 2) having the Beach Department ticket people, and 3) boulders or jersey barriers to block vehicle access. Google Earth aerial photos maps were reviewed identifying the usage of the property since 1995. Agent Greenberg-Lemos suggested making a presentation to the Board of Selectmen with the various options.

Mail: Letter from Ms. Bethia Brehmer requesting permission to display artwork utilizing recycled bags at the pocket park east of Preservation Hall during the weekly farmers' market. Discussion took place regarding the high usage of the back lawn of Preservation Hall. Agent Greenberg-Lemos had sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding usage of Town land and the commission's concern regarding another request. Trudy Vermehren moved to have Agent Greenberg-Lemos write a letter back to Ms. Brehmer stating they are not in favor of the use; seconded by Lauren McKean; passed 7-0.

A letter from the Dept. of Agricultural Resources to NStar regarding the use of herbicide usage on right-of-ways in the power lines. It identified the maps and parcels for abutters with wells. Agent Greenberg-Lemos will provide the map for review at the next meeting.
Dept. of Agricultural Resources: Regulation proposal for use of nutrients on agricultural properties. A public hearing will be held on April 3, 10-12 at Lakeville DEP. Agent

Greenberg-Lemos stated there are differences between the State, County, and local town's regulations. She stated enforcement will be difficult. She recommended reviewing the various regulations and making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Wastewater Planning Committee.

Agent Greenberg-Lemos has requested an AmeriCorps participant for the 2014/2015 season.

Charles Amsler's appeal letter sent to DEP was reviewed. The commission felt there were several inaccuracies in his letter. Further research will be done.

There was discussion regarding another location for the Farmer's Market due to the high usage of the resources behind Preservation Hall and adjacent to Wesley Swamp. Agent Greenberg-Lemos will have a discussion with the Town Administrator.

Cannon Hill – to be discussed at next meeting.

Public Hearings 5:10 pm:

North, 64 Beach St., Map 35, Parcel 11, Certificate of Compliance. Agent Greenberg-Lemos stated the project is in compliance. Trudy Vermehren moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Ed Simpson; passed 7-0.

Donald, 0 Bayview, Map 35, Parcel 39, NOI, extend existing timber bulkhead (Cont'd from 3/5/14). At the request of the applicant, Terry Gips moved to continue to 04/02/14; seconded by Trudy Vermehren; passed 7-0.

Marschall, 45 Forrest Rd., Map 16, Parcel 619, Amended Order of Conditions. Lauren McKean recused herself. David Lyttle of Ryder and Wilcox stated during that the inspection of the building it was determined the first floor walls need to be replaced. The footprint will not change nor will the design. Lyttle provided new plans identifying the deconstruction and construction protocol. It was requested that Lyttle indicate where the excavator/equipment will be placed for the deconstruction. Trudy Vermehren moved to approve the Amended Order of Conditions; seconded by John Portnoy; passed 6-0.

Trudy Vermehren moved to adjourn at 5:30 pm; seconded by John Portnoy; passed 7-0.
Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bates, Committee Secretary