

Approved

March 5, 2014
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Town Hall

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

4:00 - Business Meeting & Conservation Agent's Report

Mail:

Letter from VNA regarding available shingle shots.

Dept. of Public Works request for Lt. Island Road Emergency: required crushed shells and native washed stone for road repair.

Letter from Agent Hillary Greenberg-Lemos to the King Phillip Neighborhood Association requesting a filing of a NOI for work done on King Phillip Road. The letter was mailed to Paul Banner's address. The Commission recommended sending a violation fine.

Letter from NStar to Conservation Commission regarding right of way for maintenance, which will include pruning and topping anything growing above three feet in the wire zone, as well as pruning trees 15 feet or above. The term "best management practice" described the project/protocol. Agent Greenberg-Lemos stated NStar was granted the use of herbicides in certain areas from DAR.

Meeting Minutes: Terry Gips moved to approve the amended February 19, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Ed Simpson, passed 3-0 with Cary Rea abstaining.

Penny Patch: Bethia Behmer had a discussion with Agent Greenberg-Lemos regarding the use of town property, with her donating 10% of profit to the recycling committee. The total number of vendors in the Penny Patch area is unknown but could be up to 10. Agent Greenberg will send a memo to the Board of Selectmen expressing the Commission's lack of support for the Brehmer proposal based on our concern for the resources.

Indian Neck: Agent Hillary Greenberg-Lemos wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending building a split rail fence to restrict vehicles from encroaching the resources. There was discussion regarding various options to solve the problem as well as the beach sticker enforcement in the area. Trudy Vermehren will attend the March 11, 2014 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Warrant Recommendations:

Gull Pond – BR: Terry Gips moved to recommend article BR on Gull Pond; seconded by Ginie Page; passed 6-0.

BS: appropriate \$240,000 for rehab of tennis courts. Becky Rosenthal stated the Cons

Com had approved an Order of Condition for the tennis courts. She stated there is a major water drainage issue in the area and the tennis courts are over 30 years old. Becky stated the the new drainage system will improve the whole area. Terry Gips moved to recommend article BS; seconded by Ginie Page; passed 6-0.

GA: transferring 3 town parcels from the Town to the Conservation Commission's custody. Ginie Page moved to approve GA; seconded by Cary Rea; passed 6-0.

EC: Special Flood Hazard and Floodplain Zoning Bylaws: it was recommended someone from the Planning Board come to the March 19, 2014 business meeting.

Trudy Vermehren would like to discuss long term placement of containers/trailers that are located within buffer zones at the March 19 meeting.

Public Hearings 5:05 pm:

Hill, 20 & 30 Ryder Court, Map 14, Parcels 11 and 12: Certificate of Compliance. Ginie Page moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance; seconded by Ed Simpson; passed 6-0.
Donald, 0 Bayview, Map 35, Parcel 39, NOI, extend existing timber bulkhead (Cont'd from 2/5/14). At the request of the applicant, Terry Gips moved to continue to 3/19/14; seconded by Cary Rea; passed 5-0 (with Ginie Page recusing herself).

North, 56 Beach St., Map 35, Parcel 10, RDA, relocate wood walkway. Attorney Ben Zehnder represented the applicant and reviewed the project with the commission. He stated the owners are selling the property and Lot 11A has been granted an easement to the property. There was a boardwalk constructed several years ago. In order to sell the property, the boardwalk needs to be moved approximately 2 feet to accurately coincide the easement line on the property. Ginie Page stated the main issue is access and process for relocating the walkway. Zehnder stated this would not require any equipment. Zehnder stated there may be some electrical wires under the walkway which will have to be moved as well. Dig Safe will identify any electrical wires. Zehnder stated he will supply information regarding the deconstruction/construction protocol immediately.

Mark Bunnell, grantor of the easement to North, stated he was interested in the scope of the work and named several issues he had concerns with. Agent Greenberg-Lemos stated the commission does not have jurisdiction over utilities. Ed Simpson will be the supervisor. Terry Gips identified this as a Negative 3 with the conditions that deconstruction/construction protocol be provided, including material handling and the area be restored; seconded by Ginie Page; passed 6-0.

Lauren McKean moved to adjourn at 5:45 pm; seconded by Ginie Page; passed 6-0.
Respectfully submitted,

Christine Bates, Committee Secretary