

Conservation Commission

One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

October 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Commission Members	Other
Thomas Norton – Chair ----- Present	Janet DeLonga – Agent ----- Present
David Turi – Vice Chair----- Absent	Amy Brady–Administrative Assistant ---- Present
Jim Wilson – Clerk ----- Present	
Bruce Jacobson – Member ----- Present	
Alexandra Fraher – Member ----- Present	

The duly posted meeting of the Norfolk Conservation Commission convened at 7:02 P.M. in Room 124 at the Norfolk Town Hall. Mr. Norton announced that the meeting was being audio- and videotaped.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Enclave (cont'd from August 8, 2018)

Mr. Norton announced that the applicant has asked for a continuance, as they complete their hearing with the ZBA.

Ms. Fraher made a motion to continue the hearing for The Enclave to November 14, 2018, at 7:00, at the Norfolk Town Hall; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

Cranberry Heights Subdivision, Request for Determination

Mr. Norton announced that the applicant has asked for a continuance, as they negotiate with the property owner on issues that may affect the filing.

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to continue the hearing for The Enclave to November 14, 2018, at 7:05, at the Norfolk Town Hall; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MACC Fall Conference – Mr. Norton said that there are funds to pay for MACC members to attend these conferences, and mileage is also reimbursed.

DEP – 60 River Rd – Issuance of Ch. 91 Waterways license – Ms. DeLonga said that this is just for the Commission's information to let them know that the applicant for 60 River Road has applied with the state to build a dock; he now has 60 days to have the Waterways license recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss 144 Seekonk Street – Mr. Norton said that there was no new news for Lorraine Sweeney, who had authored a letter regarding this property; he and Ms. DeLonga had met and created a list of actions that

have taken place to date with this property and town boards. Regarding the phrase “assess for potential further action” as written on the agenda, there is no potential further action under assessment with the Commission at this time, just for the Commission to address Ms. Sweeney’s questions since the issuance of the Superseding ORAD. Mr. Norton said he would meet with a couple of people in the next couple of weeks regarding the ORAD, and then reply to Ms. Sweeney. An email was sent to the property owner, Mr. O’Harte to let him know that this would be discussed tonight. Any confusion that resulted from that email was unintentional.

ACTION ITEMS/ORDERS/EXTENSIONS:

7 Keeney Pond Road – Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

Ms. Fraher made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 7 Keeney Pond Road for a period of three years; Mr. Jacobson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

17 Keeney Pond Road – Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for 17 Keeney Pond Road for a period of three years; Ms. Fraher seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: (cont’d)

Discuss MS4, Stormwater Project with Asst. DPW Director, Barry Lariviere – Mr. Lariviere gave his background: he worked for the DPW for the town of Bellingham for several years and was a member and vice chair of the Conservation Commission there for 16 years; he has been with a private consulting firm for the last 15 years, where his focus has been stormwater, GIS, and asset management.

There is a new stormwater permit for the state of Massachusetts. Mr. Lariviere began with a slide show prepared by Norfolk’s Stormwater consultants, Environmental Partners Group (EPG) entitled “EPA Phase II Small MS4 Permit, Management and Compliance.” The entire town of Norfolk is in the MS4, there are no exemptions.

The town’s NOI has been submitted, next step is to update the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) by July, 2019; this will involve creating a stormwater committee with representatives from all boards. The two primary categories of the permit are Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations & Requirements and Reduce Pollution to the Maximum extent Practicable. Mr. Lariviere said that one of the biggest factors is phosphorus, which is caused in part by deciduous trees. Twice a year street sweeping is a requirement. A couple of years ago, the town employed interns to map all of the infrastructure; now it all needs to be connected and verified. Public Education & Outreach and Public Participation & Involvement programs will be needed. Mr. Lariviere will be working with the Town Planner in strengthening bylaws. Reporting will be a big factor. Screening will be done in dry weather and wet weather. Municipal building floor drains will be looked at; good “housekeeping” methods (storing materials, cleaning trucks, etc.).

Mr. Wilson asked if known contaminated areas should be checked, and Mr. Lariviere responded that they should be, if contaminants are known to be in the stormwater system; he said the mapping of the catch basins and outfalls will lead to areas that need to be tested further.

Mr. Lariviere said similar sized towns have spent \$200-300,000 to implement this program; funding sources are scarce. Some towns have looked at making stormwater a utility. Mr. Lariviere is hoping to get all of the boards involved in the stormwater permit process, and is planning to send an email.

Discuss Lions Projects – Kevin Roche, in charge of Service Projects for the Lions, said the Lions would be interested in working on Conservation land that needs upkeep, to make it accessible for residents. Mr. Norton referred to Ms. DeLonga, who talked about land that was donated to the Conservation Commission by an individual on Everett Street whose parents liked to picnic there; she said the Lions could make a little picnic area there, and make it look inviting. Mr. Roche asked if a list could be available for the next meeting, and Ms. DeLonga said yes, they could do that.

Ed Melanson, who was also present from the Lions, said that the Norfolk Lions are turning 60 this year, and have a goal to complete 60 service projects. In addition to these conservation type projects, they would also be interested in helping anyone who needed help on a personal level, and would gladly take referrals. Mr. Norton mentioned a few areas he is familiar with, including a trail behind the H. Olive Day School that comes out onto Tucker, an overgrown trail at Pondville on Rte. 115; he said the Commission would work on a list for the Lions.

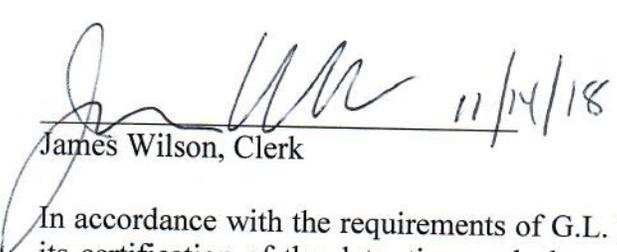
Lake Street Discussion – the resident did not feel the need to come in because of news that the injunction has been lifted, and the DPW is free to do the paving work; they are hoping to have the binder coat done before winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review status of Conservation Maintenance Fund – Regarding small funds slated for various Conservation projects maintenance, which had not been utilized for a few years and were subsequently returned to the town's general fund, a transfer line item by the Finance Director will be included on the current Town Meeting Warrant that will re-establish a maintenance fund in the amount of \$750.00. The money will be available as soon as the transfer can be made.

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Fraher seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

 11/14/18
James Wilson, Clerk

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