

Conservation Commission

One Liberty Lane
Norfolk, MA 02056

December 12, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Commission Members	Other
Chairman -----Vacant	Janet DeLonga – Agent ----- Present
David Turi – Vice Chair----- Present	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 7:00 P.M. in Room 124 at the Norfolk Town Hall. Mr. Turi announced that the meeting was being audio- and videotaped.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Cranberry Heights Subdivision, Request for Determination – Present was Steven O’Connell, Engineer, Andrews Survey & Engineering

Mr. O’Connell said he was there to discuss a proposed trail around Cranberry Heights, a proposed 22-lot, open-space subdivision between Cranberry Meadow Road and Eagle Drive. He stated that the work involved in the subdivision is not in any jurisdictional areas, but as part of the open space aspect, they are proposing a passive recreational trail which does get into some buffer areas. The trail will be about 8’ wide, constructed of wood chips. Location will be field-determined to avoid steep slopes and the removal of large trees. It will tie into an existing trail that then meanders down within the buffer zone of a pond and a perennial stream (Eagle Brook) that runs to the south of the subdivision. The proposed trails will separate from the existing trail, but will still be within the buffer zone. Mr. O’Connell stated that there are some areas to be reviewed with and at the request of the Conservation Agent. There are some areas of endangered species; they are working with NHESP, and have a provisional letter from them.

Mr. Wilson asked how much of the work is within 50’ of the resource area; Mr. O’Connell responded that he believes it is all outside of the 50’ buffer. Also in response to Mr. Wilson, Mr. O’Connell said that the trail is not intended for vehicles or horses, except near the stormwater basin, which will be outside of the jurisdictional areas; he said a couple of bollards could be put in the middle of the trail there to prevent vehicles from going any farther, as well as at the entrance to the trail at the end of the cul-de-sac

Ms. DeLonga showed photographs of the areas that she is concerned about, and noted that it is not the season for determining if there are other resource areas. Mr. O’Connell said he would like the wetland scientists to go out there at this time and, if they determine it is a jurisdictional area, then the applicant may withdraw the Request for Determination.

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to continue the hearing for Cranberry Heights to January 9, 2019, at 7:15, P.M. at the Norfolk Town Hall; Ms. Fraher seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT:

24 Lakeshore Drive – request for modification to existing OOC, #240-588. One of the owners, Dorothy Murch, said that they are seeking approval to install a 20 x 20 carport. In response to a question from Mr. Turi, co-owner Thomas Bryant said that the carport will be anchored with spike driven into the ground. Mr. Turi asked some questions with regard to the chosen location for the carport. Ms. DeLonga asked if the sides were solid, in case of

flooding, and Mr. Bryant responded that it is open post construction, and will be on a gravel pad. Mr. Wilson suggested it be recorded that it should remain open construction in perpetuity do to its location in a flood zone.

Ms. Fraher made a motion to amend the existing Order of Conditions #240-588 to allow the installation of a carport at 24 Lake Shore Drive, with 6 pole side construction and a metal roof on top of a gravel pad, with spikes holding down the poles, in an existing clear area; Mr. Jacobson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

MINUTES:

November 14, 2018

The following corrections to be made were noted:

- Cranberry Heights Subdivision - "Mr. Norton" change to "Mr. Turi"
- 81 Park Street – delete "(cont'd from...)"
 - plan name - delete "Illustration" and change "and" to "an"
- Norway Farms – delete extraneous "motion" information
- Appointment - delete the words "that the Order of Conditions can be updated, and"

Ms. Fraher made a motion to accept the minutes of November 14, 2018 as amended; Mr. Jacobson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

ACTION ITEMS/ORDERS/EXTENSIONS:

Off River Rd & Lakeshore Drive, #240-522 – Request for COC

Ms. Wilson made a motion to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance for the subject property; Ms. Fraher seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

July 13, 2018 Letter from MassDEP re: 144 Seekonk Street for Board discussion – Mr. Turi noted that there were a few areas of inaccuracies that the DEP found that, when combined with the February 19, 2018, letter from Patrick Garner, who did a wetland review for the ZBA, noting some potential wetland violations, raised some concerns which warrant further investigation by the Commission. Mr. Turi said that permission would be asked of the property owner, Mr. O'Harte, to allow a wetland scientist to enter the site on behalf of the Commission to assess the site.

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to hire a professional wetlands expert to assess the site for possible violations, and to have the Commission write a letter requesting permission for the expert to enter the site; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updated Rules & Regs Regarding Use of Conservation Managed Properties for potential printing on signs. A copy of the updated Rules & Regs was distributed; Commission members should review and come back with comments in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funding for Conservation Property Management was approved at Special Town Meeting – this money can be used to procure signs for the properties.

Discuss, and possibly vote on, Commission Reorganization – at this time, Mr. Turi made an announcement that Mr. Weddleton will not be joining the Commission after all, and the Commission is actively seeking members. Two versions of wording for publication were presented; these will be reviewed, and the result will be posted on the website and cable TV, and article in the newspaper, and the Norfolk Community Facebook page. Mr. Turi mentioned that some pictures would be nice.

Mr. Jacobson made a motion to nominate David Turi as Chairman of the Conservation Commission; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

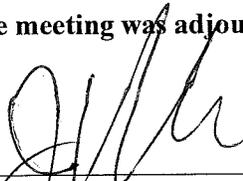
Mr. Turi made a motion to nominate Jim Wilson as Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Commission; Mr. Jacobson seconded the motion; the vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wilson will also remain as clerk

Ms. DeLonga mentioned an area of land at off Route 115 where water is gathering; it is from Stony Brook, and a Request for Determination will be forthcoming to install “Beaver Deceivers,” and confirmed that the recent application from 273 Dedham Street has been distributed to Commission members. Lake Street was briefly discussed; a Notice of Intent will be forthcoming from them. Regarding City Mills Pond, Ms. DeLonga mentioned some removal of vegetation is likely to occur in the Spring.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

 1/9/2019

James Wilson, Clerk

In accordance with the requirements of G.L. 30A § 22 approval of these minutes by the Board constitutes its certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, the matters discussed, and the action taken by the Board with regard to those matters (if any). Any other information contained in these minutes is included for context only. Notes memorializing deliberation or discussion of any matter are in the summary form and may include inaccuracies or omissions. Where proof of the content of a statement is required, a tape recording or transcript should be consulted, if available.