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Conservation Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Ms. Mitchener called the Wednesday, Dec 11, 2019 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 6:00 PM in Room 14 of the North Reading Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA.

Members Lori Mitchener, Chair
Present: Randy Mason, Member
 Tim Allen, Member
 Melissa Campbell, Member
 Tomas Sanchez

Absent: Leah Basbanes, Conservation Agent

Staff Christine Doolin, Administrative Assistant
Present:

Discussion/ Correspondence File/Minutes

Minutes

Ms. Mitchener moved seconded, by Mr. Mason, and voted 5-0;
that the Conservation Commission approve the minutes from Oct 10, 2019.

Certificate of Compliance

10 Dogwood Lane/50 Adams St (245-1088) in-ground pool

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Mason and voted 5-0;
that the Conservation Commission sign and issue an Enforcement Order for the removal of the in-ground pool at 10 Dogwood Lane.

157 Main St (245-567)

Luke Roy gave the commission a brief update to Northridge Condos. He stated that a contractor has been hired to clean out the stormwater basins. Mr. Roy said he would go out and do some checks.

Continued to January 8th, Conservation meeting

15 Nutter Rd (245-1616) Septic system replacement

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Mason and voted 5-0;
that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for the work completed in substantial compliance.

55 Lowell Rd (245-1620) Septic system

Order not recorded. Do not issue

2 Hickory Lane (245-1617) Septic System

Order not recorded. Do not issue

22 Little Meadow Lane (245-1548) Septic system

All work was done but was just hydro seeded and is not stabilized with grass.
Recommend holding until spring

162 Park St (245-1365) Septic system

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Mason and voted 5-0;
that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for the work that was never completed.

Marc Hall was present to discuss the new plan for Ryer,s Store.

Marc stated that the original permit ran out the last time he had it. Marc stated the he wants to familiarize the board with the new plan which is the same plan that was approved before but just a little bit different design.

Marc stated the parking lot out back, I want to create to service employee parking and make the loading zone more efficient and safer.

Behind the store is a depression and what happens sometimes is the Ipswich River floods, it backs up a pipe which fills up the depression but is very rare when that happens.

Marc stated we have been working with the DEP for a while now. Our initial design was to excavate it all out and put in large 3ft pipes and stone and the DEP had some objections to the pipe and stone method so we are actually looking at the possibility of extending the platform over the flood plain.

We need the parking because we rent from the bank.

Marc stated when we bought the place in 2002 we had an ice cream stand with a walk up window on the back corner side, very popular. We tried to recreate that for the new store but it didn't work out. We want to be able to make that useful again and decorate it inside like it used to be. Marc stated that some trees have to come out and he would put some sugar maple trees and some picnic tables and keep it nice and neat sort of like Richardson's Ice.

Marc stated I wanted to give us an idea what's going to be coming towards the commission when he file's.

9 Park St (245-1469) driveway relocation

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Mason and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for the work completed in substantial compliance

Public Hearings

9 Flint ANRAD

Bill Manual was present to discuss the ANRAD at 9 Flint Street. Mr. Manual flagged the wetland in October and had Agent Leah Basbanes come out and take a walk. They made a few adjustments which are depicted on the plan. The site is going to be joined to the Chestnut property that has an ORAD approved.

Mr. Manual stated that he would like the ORAD to verify all wetland flag series that I have, verify the bank flag series, verify there's no bordering land subject to flooding and verify there's no river front.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Mason and voted 5-0;

that the Conservation Commission close the Public Hearing and issue an ORAD, approving the delineation on the submitted plan at 9 Flint Street.

Discussion

Hunting on Conservation Land- Justin Uga did not show up for this discussion. Mr. Uga had asked agent, Leah Basbanes if he could hunt on the town owned land off of Southwick St. That property is under the control of the Conservation Commission. There is no specific bylaw pertaining to hunting in town but there are some restrictions about discharge of firearms and the

type of bow for hunting. The town Administrator is going to look into preparing a bylaw specific to hunting in Town

Lauren Beshara an associate member stated that she own's conservation that abuts town owned conservation that Mr. Uga wants to hunt on and a lot of my neighborhood do as well.

Is it legal

The ownis is on the hunter to know because there are state setbacks for permitted fire arms for shotguns.

I also believe there is no discharge of firearms for the town.

Tim Allen stated it's none of our business

Lori stated if it's publicly owned property it would follow any other public land use and I'm pretty sure you can't discharge fire arm on public land.

Adjourn

Mrs. Mitchener moved, seconded by Mr. Mason, and voted 5-0;
that the Conservation Commission adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM

Approved _____

Dated _____

01/08/2020