MINUTES OF THE MEETING HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 22, 2021

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in the Board of Selectman's meeting room, first floor, Town Hall. Chris Hadorn opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Chris Hadorn, Ed Lane, Colleen Fiumara Associate member: Kim Cavicchi Absent: Kathy Evans

Appointments/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing for MS4 Storm Water Management bylaws & Regulation's. Vice chair – Chris Hadorn read a statement:

The purpose for these storm water regulations. Is to protect maintain and enhance the public health, safety, environment and general welfare by establishing minimum requirements to control the adverse effects of increased runoff, to decrease ground water, recharge, erosion and sedimentation and non-point source pollution with associated with new development and redevelopment of land pursuant to the Halifax Storm Water Management Bylaw. Halifax Chapter 146 passed in 2019 (Town Meeting)

These are not new regulations, we are finalizing and implementing those requirements that are in the final draft. Sarah and Nick present from VHB who help develop and finalize before full vote and adoption, anyone present can ask questions.

Nick Cohen reminded everyone that these, the bylaw and the regulations are a requirement under the MS4 permit which is a Federal Clean Water permit that Halifax has, it is not necessarily a choice or option. These are regulations that are required under that permit. Voted at town meeting 2019, because of the Federal requirements, not just Halifax. Permits apply throughout Massachusetts and require to be enacted by June 30, 2021. Chair- Chris Hadorn asked if there were any questions. No questions.

Made a few format changes and will send new sent.

Motion to pass the MS4 Storm Water Management bylaws/regulations

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Colleen Fiumara

All in favor

*Nick Cohen and Sara advised that they will be available for any questions regarding the permitting process, etc. Will be as accommodating as possible, send by email or phone calls. Next contract with town starts July 1, 2021. Have some regulation and technical support time for the commission.

7:25 Notice of Intent – 6 Pasture Lane; inground pool.

Present: Steven Wry of Land Planning; representing owner(s) Tina Kenyon

Existing SFDwelling, want to add inground pool, in back yard, existing concrete slab will add patio/deck. Presented plans to members, wetlands just on and off site delineated by Ken Thompson. 100' buffer line runs thru the center of house, then the 50' no disturb is (orange) existing tree line. All proposed work is on their property, erosion controls along the back, outside the 50' buffer. Access to property is on existing drive and stock pile materials to left of driveway and outside the buffer zone.

Mr. Hadorn asked if the stock piles will be outside the 100: Mr. Wry noted that some may be in the 50', as some of the soil will need to be pushed out into the back yard and level because of the grade and pool deck. Mr. Lane asked about a fence. Mr. Wry advised there is an existing fence all around the back yard now. The fence in the front foundation all around the yard and ties into the rear foundation. Mr. Lane asked about drainage. Mr. Wry stated basically the slab will be raised slightly so it pitches away from the pool, so will grade into the back yard and into the back property. No other questions:

Motion to accept the Notice of Intent at 6 Pasture Lane for in-ground pool

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Colleen Fiumara All in favor

Secretarial: Bills/Meeting Minutes:

Motion to pay bills: Hal/Ply Express Inv.#'s 12551 & 12252 total of \$90.00

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Colleen Fiumara

All in favor

Discussions:

107 River St. – site walk for solar field certificate of compliance: Ed and Colleen available for 10:00 am Monday. June 28, 2021 (Associate Kim Cavicchi also available) send email and cc members to confirm. To ensure everything is completed from the Order of Conditions.

269 Franklin St. Solar field. Wanted to get inspection for the weed control. Just want someone to take a look. Certificate of compliance requested some time ago, but believe the commission was not ready, discussed the trees required to be put up along the abutters to ensure trees survived the winter. Mr. Hadorn advised the trees are in, (google earth) if they die it is not conservation area. Email any dates and times anyone is available. No further discussion about the tree they wanted to take down by the storage unit. Take a look when out there. **Mrs. Cavicchi asked if it was good for her to attend as she would like to learn as much as possible. Mr. Hadorn said if she wants to. She will join on Monday.

Secretary briefly went over the remaining correspondences received.

63 Carver St. revised site plan: Member reviewed: basically 63 & 43 were sold together. (re defined lot lines with a Form A – Planning Board) One house demolished, the other house to be renovated, and business to be established. Plan notes an area subject to flooding, but not large enough to be required under the act. Abut 40 feet away from edge of building.

Chris Hadorn, called to his attention that Selectman will reviewing talent bank forms, 3 for conservation commission. Neil St. Croix, Wendy Greco and David Mascio. Gerry will not be returning as a member, Therefore informed if members want to listen in, go as group, not adjourn this meeting, listening in, come back and then adjourn. Kim noted that other board have joint meetings, but not CC. Advised that Commission does not have a vote on appointments. However, Associates are appointed by members, then they would be appointed. Curious as to what is going on.

Meeting moved to Board of Selectman meeting in Great Hall. Joined 7:42

Meeting returned to Board of Selectman meeting room to continue....

Mr. Hadorn requesting (secretary) for a letter to be sent to the Board of Selectman asking for Kim Cavicchi to be interviewed for the appointment as full/regular member of the Commission.

Ms. Cavicchi asked if she could be nominated already (has she has only been an associate for a short time) Mr. Hadorn noted that he wanted to ask the question, but was not was not given the opportunity, to address them, so could not ask the questions, as the way it's has been done in the past and as to the sudden change, which seems to be the sudden change all the way across the board.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Colleen Fiumara

All in favor.

Documents: *Agenda, general notes, miscellaneous emails.

Board of Selectman: road cuts; earth removal permit. ZBA - notices of PH;

Letter of resignation of Gerry Ftizgerald

Accountant: memo

**Please note some documents above have been filed in the office of the Conservation Commission in the respective file folders.

Respectfully submitted

Digitally recorded by Terri Renaud for Conservation Commission Approved date: