

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 24, 2020

A meeting of the Halifax Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in the Selectman's Meeting Room, First Floor, Chairperson Kathy Evans opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Kathy Evans, Chris Hadorn; Ed Lane, and Assoc. Colleen Fiumara

Absent: Gerry Fitzgerald and John Peck

Appointments/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. RDA – 8 Hilda Lane for wetland crossing

Present: Don Bracken – Bracken Engineering, and Scott P. Burgess

Mr. Bracken went over the history of Hilda Lane, subdivision not constructed. Roadway design had previously been approved to fill in wetlands to access lots, RDA (filed 2005) come back for new NOI for road and filed with Planning Board for Multifamily on the ONE lot, was 4-5 lots, now down to one with a subdivision road. Would like to change plans. Did not locate the riverfront area, now identified. Taking everything out of the riverfront area, will not have anything built on and is an improvement. Would like to do test pits, in drainage area within the 100' buffer zone in the back. Mr. Bracken then reviewed plan with the commission. Some are outside jurisdiction; new basin will be moved as well. There is a 200 foot to river. Is a wetland crossing involved, in previously approved plans was a large culvert and wetland location to be filled in with replication areas? Couple years ago, Land Planning submitted and ANRAD to approve the wetland line. Span the culvert with timbers to bring excavator over it, about 10 feet wide. No disturbance of the wetlands at this time but need test pits to go with the Notice of Intent package. Also, a multifamily plan approved by ZBA prior (5-10) but need to start over.

A path from older tests will be used to access. Mr. Burgess advised it is a man-made ditch.

Chair Evans asked about trees that need to be taken down. Mr. Burgess advised they are small trees that are in the roadway itself, just so equipment isn't damaged.

Chairperson Evans asked if 2 of the perc are in the 100' - Mr. Bracken advise yes, and already established drainage basins in that area which will be outside the 50' buffer area.

Members did not have any further questions.

Motion to approve the RDA for 8 Hilda Lane with Negative 3.

Motion: Ed Lane

Second: Chris Hadorn

All in favor

Discussions/Action to be taken:

7:10 p.m. 515 Monponsett St. – removal of trees

Present Scott Burgess: Notice of Intent was approved for the property, during some of the work, arborist did some cutting, couple trees in back, big pines. 1 struck by lightning, rotted on inside. Another is possibly diseased. Would like to discuss what filing would be required for the removal of 2 – 3 trees within the 50' BVW, East Monponsett Pond. Ed Lane was on site a couple weeks ago to view. Mr. Burgess presented a few pictures. Cleaned out what was allowed. Site plan was shown where the trees are located, near water. Reviewed procedures for filings of RDA or NOI.

Was determined that it is not an emergency.

A filing of RDA was agreed upon by the commission. The commission advised that he will have to leave the stumps.

Crane will come in to take them down. Mr. Hadorn asked how many trees? Mr. Burgess said 3 if he could as there is one down by the stairs, a limb he wants to take down. Mr. Hadorn reiterated to trim it. Was clarified that what ever he wants to do, he will have to put on the RDA. Bring in a new plan with the 3rd tree that he wants down.

7:15 p.m.: 0 Plymouth St. Map 61 lot 4A

Present: Matt Grosschedl – Outback Engineering (present GIS and picture of lot)

Lot across from Davis Automotive. Looking to do a perc test filed with Board of Health. Want pass by Conservation as it is near delineated wetlands. Street view, perc test in the existing gravel parking lot. Probably within the 100' BVW but it is close to road. Wants to know if need an additional filing or can they just go ahead. Maybe an RDA, as it is maybe at the tree line, but definitely not in the 50'.

Advised he/they will be back before the commission with a Notice of Intent, but now don't know if it will perc. Commission advised was ok to perc without a filing but requested to get a copy of the perc test and then septic plans once approved.

Secretarial: Meeting minutes, Bills payable.

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2020

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Ed Lane All in favor

Motion to pay bills Ply/Hal Express for \$42.00 (inv. #12048)

Motion: Chris Hadorn

Second: Ed Lane All in favor

Motion to adjourn

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Documents/Mail

Agenda, general notes of meeting; mail; email and documents to include: ZBA- Decision, Road openings
Ply Cty Mosquito Control, MACC, DCR

Respectfully submitted,

Date Approved: 12/8/20

Signatures:

