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Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018
Approved February 6, 2018

Meeting Location: 50 Billerica Rd., Room 205, Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Members Present: David McLachlan-Chairman, Jack Souza, Chris Garrahan, Chris Tymula, April Mendez

Members Absent: William Vines, Marc Gibbs

Others Present: Katharine Messer-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman McLachlan.

All documents referenced in these minutes are available for review at the Community Development Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford Town Offices Building. This meeting was audio recorded and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary.

Open Session / Citizen Concerns

No one came forward at this time.

Regulatory

Notice of Intent-New

261-267 Littleton Rd., water main connection

Legal Notice read. The actual locations on the application are 225, 235,261, and 267 Littleton Rd., which encompasses the areas behind the Chelmsford Woods Housing development and Kensington Apartments. Kelley Kileane, Chelmsford Housing Authority, explained the original comprehensive permit for the Chelmsford Woods project required an extension of a water main 1700 feet into the parcel for Phase 1. Phase 2 will connect into the Kensington apartments pipe line (also a requirement of the comprehensive permit.) The request was made by the Chelmsford Water District to create enough flow for firefighting equipment, increased water pressure, and looping for Kensington. All easements have been obtained; the easements are 30 feet wide. Work will take place in 2580SF through a wooded wetland. After work is completed, the entire easement area of about 18,000SF will be re-vegetated with grass and shrubs, thus the impact is temporary. Work will take about 2 months to complete.

Audience comments:

Michael McIver, 221 Littleton Rd., explained he owns the little office property next to Kensington Apartments. He clarified where work is happening in relation to his building. He stated he previously had worked with Sue Carter to discuss parking lot improvements for his property at a previous meeting. Mr. McLachlan explained the requirements necessary for wetland replication. Mr. McIver asked how Kensington Apartments is involved, as this is not their project. Mr. Kileane explained how the water mains service the different apartment complexes. Mr. McIver described the problems he has with water service (color, sediment, pressure) on his property. He was advised to contact Bob Delaney of the Chelmsford Water District about water service.

The Town Engineer has not submitted her report yet. DEP is still reviewing the project. The application was filed as a limited project because it concerns impacts to a public water supply.

A formal restoration plan was requested from the applicant. Mr. Tymula requested that 25, 30 & 50 foot buffer lines be added to the plan, and he noted that a waiver will be needed for the 25-foot buffer. Mr. Kileane cited an exemption under Chapter 187-4-B, which the Commission advised does not apply for this situation.

The Commission decided a site walk would not be needed. They will await the Town Engineer's report, the restoration plan, DEP comments, and Water District concerns.

Motion: by Mrs. Mendez to continue the Hearing for 261-267 Littleton Rd. to January 16, 2018.
Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance-new
DEP-129-0232, gas pipeline easement work**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance-new
DEP# 129-0312, gas line replacement, Brick Kiln Rd.**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance-new
DEP#129-0662, gas line replacement, Riverneck Rd.**

All three projects are from the 1980's. The applicant called to close out their files.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to issue Certificates of Compliance for DEP-129-0232, gas pipeline easement work, DEP# 129-0312, gas line replacement, Brick Kiln Rd., DEP#129-0662, gas line replacement, Riverneck Rd. Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Continual Business

Land Management update

Mr. McLachlan reported that people are skating on Crooked Spring pond, and low branches were cleared by COSS.

COSS has published a list of their goals for the next year. Mr. McLachlan read the projects related to Conservation Commission sites into the record. The Commission had no issues with these goals.

Mr. McLachlan will continue to monitor the Cranberry Bog issues in Carlisle.

Agent's Report

Documents were signed as needed.

Paperwork for the next meeting was provided to Commissioners.

Approve Minutes

November 21, 2017

December 5, 2017

December 19, 2017

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017, December 5, 2017, and December 19, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Adjourn

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Date of next meetings: January 16, 2018

February 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary