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Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019
April 16, 2019

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

Members Present: David McLachlan-Chairman, Jack Souza, Chris Garrahan, Chris Tymula, William Vines

Members Absent: April Mendez

Others Present: Katharine Guertin-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- continued

53 Parkhurst Road, new building construction

Brian Milisci, Whitman and Bingham, explained more details have been requested by the Planning Board and the Town Engineer. There are two corners where a waiver of the 30-foot buffer is requested. Asbestos abatement would be done as part of the demolition permit. If any hazardous substances are found during excavation, the proper state notifications will be done. During demo and reconstruction, there will be silt fencing and straw waddles.

Jonathan Hall, 59 Parkhurst Rd., explained that he thought the right of way access from Parkhurst Rd. was being discontinued. His silt fence is on the Rt. 3 side. He was asking what was being done to protect the wetland, as the applicant is driving over his silt fence now, and pushing snow into the wetlands.

The Commission requested a clean letter from the Town Engineer prior to approval.

Motion by: Mr. Vines to continue the hearing for 53 Parkhurst Rd. to February 5, 2019.
Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Notice of Intent-new

135 Pine Hill Road, solar farm construction

Legal notice was read.

David Gordon, Dedham, Ma, Chase Environmental, spoke for the applicant, Strawberry Solar Farm, LLC. The site is currently an agricultural field at the back of Mr. Parlee’s property, by Misty Meadow Rd. No resource areas will be impacted by this proposal.

Brad Parsons, All Points Engineering, CT., explained the proposal will cover 4 acres of land for the solar farm. The change from agricultural use to a grassed area, is actually better from a storm water perspective. Straw wattles and socks will be installed during construction and for the grass growing season. The Fire Department requested the turn-around area be extended to accommodate a ladder truck. Access to the solar farm will be a gravel driveway; the site will be accessed twice a year.

The site is flat, except for a small mound in the middle which will be graded flat. Some material will be removed from the site. The solar panels are ground driven, not on poles. The nearest house on the proposed Misty Meadows development is about 800 feet away. The solar farm will be fenced in. Construction will take 4-6 months to complete. Heavy equipment will enter through the Parlees’ driveway. The dewatering process was described; the irrigation ditches are about three feet deep. Electricity will be taken off site near Misty Meadow Rd. Equipment will be above ground, not underground.

There were no questions from the audience.

Motion by: Mr. Vines to issue a Standard Order of Conditions for 135 Pine Hill Rd., with no Special Conditions. Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

36 Turnpike Road violation

Mr. Quay was not available tonight. The Building Commissioner sent a letter to Mr. Quay with fines as a construction yard is being run on this property. The letter indicated that all trucks must be removed as well as construction debris. A large patio with pillars and a wall has been installed, in the buffer zones. Mr. Quay was advised that he must be present at the Commission’s February 5, 2019 meeting.

Motion by: Mr. Garrahan to authorize the Conservation Agent to issue an Enforcement Order for 36 Turnpike Rd. with the conditions to plant four trees as previously requested, remove all construction debris, remove all trucks, comply with the previously issued restoration plan, remove all debris from the buffer zone and flood zone, remove the patio, and be present at the meeting on February 5, 2019 at 7:00PM Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Continual Business

Land Management update

There will be a Klondike Derby Event hosted by the Boy Scouts at Oak Hill Reservation this coming weekend.

Mr. McLachlan will consult with Brian Milisci from Whitman & Bingham to provide a quote to assess the dam at the Cranberry Bog Reservation.

Two volunteers will be removing the zip line and netting and debris from the island in the bog. They are discussing access, as private property owners did not grant permission to provide access from their land.

Zoo New England work to map turtle and amphibian activity is progressing.

Agent's Report

Pat Flaherty is working with the property owner on Sunrise Dr. on a Notice of Intent.

Mr. McLachlan may not be at the February 5th meeting due to a medical procedure.

Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Adjourn

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

Date of next meetings: February 5th February 19th

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting documents:
-Notice of Intent Applications and supporting documents