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Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2019
Approved 3/19/19

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

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

Members Absent: April Mendez, Chris Tymula

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-new 53 Parkhurst Road, new building construction

Legal Notice read. Brian Milisci, Whitman and Bingham, spoke on behalf of the applicant. This property is located behind the recently constructed storage unit building at 57 Parkhurst Rd. The existing building will be razed, and a new 15,000SF building consisting of contractor bays and office space will be constructed. There will be a decrease of 23,690SF of impervious surface through the proposed pavement removal. A waiver of the 25-foot no-disturb buffer will be needed in order to remove the pavement in that area. There will be a water quality swale constructed along the 30-foot buffer zone to allow for better infiltration of run-off. The new building will be 64 feet from the wetland at its closest point. Snow storage and material storage areas were shown, and erosion controls will be installed where needed during construction. The applicant agreed to install a fence along the back of the swale, similar to the self-storage property's fence. An Operations and Maintenance Plan will be submitted.

The Town Engineer is still reviewing the plans and calculations.

Work is anticipated to begin in February, and will take 6 months to a year to complete. Demolition permits and the Planning Board Hearings are pending

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to continue the Hearing for 53 Parkhurst Rd. to January 22, 2019.
Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

Don Grenier, Jr., Scotty Hollow Rd., requested permission to hunt deer with a bow on Oak Hill Reservation. The season for deer hunting is from October to December 31 annually. He would be on foot, away from any trails, and has taken certification classes on how to hunt responsibly. He has hunted on other properties outside of town.

Mrs. Guertin explained the Commission would need to create a program with appropriate permits if they were to allow this activity on conservation reservations. Currently, hunting by any means is not allowed anywhere in Chelmsford. Programs used in other communities include having a lottery to limit the number of hunters, keeping a log on how many deer are taken, and other processes. The Commission authorized the Conservation agent to gather information needed to put together a proposal for potential hunting on Conservation Land. Mrs. Guertin indicated there is support in many communities to allow hunting due to an excessive amount of deer in an area. The Commission agreed they would need to acknowledge anticipated public opposition to allowing hunting in Chelmsford.

Motion: by Mr. Vines to authorize the Conservation Agent to gather information on the feasibility of allowing deer hunting on Conservation Reservations and report back to the Commission by the second meeting in February. Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Mr. McLachlan opposed, all others in favor. **Motion carries.**

Agent's Report

Paperwork for the next meeting was provided to Commissioners.

Mr. McLachlan will obtain a quote from Whitman & Bingham Associates to have Brian Milisci assess the dam at the Cranberry Bog Reservation

Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Continual Business

Land Management update

Mr. Gibbs requested the Commission think about having an alternate member appointed to cover in the event of a long term absence of a full commissioner.

Mr. Stanway was expected to appear to discuss ADA parking requirements on Conservation Reservations. He left the meeting after the Boy Scout event request. Mr. McLachlan noted that there have been no complaints received because of the lack of ADA parking spaces. Mr. McLachlan was advised by the Town Manager to contact the ADA Coordinator for additional information.

Mr. McLachlan reported that at the last Cranberry Bog Sub Committee meeting, the Town of Carlisle is still considering haying the property, or using it for conservation land. Mr. McLachlan is concerned about the impacts to the Chelmsford side of the reservation in the event the land is no longer being farmed.

There are reports of kids allegedly zip lining from an island at the bogs to the mainland so they can play on the island. COSS has indicated they do not want to be involved in any enforcement actions on this matter.

Regarding the situation at 10 Sunrise Ave., Mrs. Guertin was notified that the property owner is consulting with Pat Flaherty for a Notice of Intent filing. Erosion controls have been installed, and all work has stopped. No clean-up is being done, either.

Mr. Gibbs suggested having applicants provide expected dates for when their projects will be done, as a way to ensure the projects do get completed.

Mrs. Guertin reported that a Cease and Desist Order has been issued to a property owner on Progress Ave, as their previous permit has expired. The property has a new owner, and they have advised they will file a new application.

Mrs. Guertin was asked to do a site visit at 36 Turnpike Ave. It appears a concrete patio may be installed in flood plain on the property.

Adjourn

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to adjourn the meeting at 8:08PM. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Date of next meetings: January 22, 2019

February 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting Documents:

-Applications and supporting documents for Notice of Intent as listed above