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Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021
Approved August 17, 2021

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PATRICIA E. DZURIS
TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Chris Garrahan-Chairman, David McLachlan, Marc Gibbs, Karl Bischoff, William Vines, Chris Tymula, John Swenson

Members Absent:

Others Present: Katharine Guertin-Conservation Agent

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

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 and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary, and televised via Chelmsford Telemedia.

Open Session / Citizen Concerns

No one came forward at this time.

Mrs. Guertin announced that she will be leaving her position in Chelmsford, and will be transferring to a position in Gardner. The Commission gave a round of applause for her.

Regulatory Hearings

Amended Notice of Intent-request to continue

45 Richardson Road, construct two story addition, retaining wall and patio

The applicant has requested a continuance.

Mr. McLachlan noted that the issue of PFAS is reportedly a Conservation Commission issue, per Town Counsel.

Ms. Guertin advised that per DEP, the Commission cannot deny an application on just this issue, as there is no confirmed PFAS on this site.

Mr. McLachlan wants to get more information to avoid further delays.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to continue the hearing for 45 Richardson Rd. to August 17, 2021.
Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Request for Certificate of Compliance-new

DEP#129-0176, 30 Shedd Lane

This lot is part of a sub-division which was built in 1985. The site is stable.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 30 Shedd Lane, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Tymula. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

Red Wing event request

This is for the annual Lockheed-Martin employee appreciation event on September 16, 2021, from 8:00AM-3:00PM. About 400 participants are expected. They will install a tent, which will be removed after the event. The area will also be cleaned up after the event. There have been no issues in the past three years.

Motion: by Mr. McLachlan to approve the event for Lockheed Martin on September 16, 2021, to be held at Red Wing Farm. Seconded by Mr. Gibbs. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Group photo for annual report

This will be done at the end of the meeting.

Continual Business

Land Management

Warren-Pohl – update

Mr. Bischoff reported that the wetland flagging has been completed, and a work plan is being finished. The Conservation Restriction document has been sent to the Chelmsford Conservation Land Trust for their review and response. There will be future discussions.

Russell Mill parking-update

Mr. McLachlan summarized the previously listed issues and concerns with parking at the Russell Mill Reservation. The site is used primarily by the Chelmsford Youth Soccer Association, and NEMBA. There are many private bikers that visit the trails and other users as well. There is not enough parking on Saturdays, primarily in the Fall.

There is an area that can be cleared out to create another 20 parking spaces for overflow parking. The fire gate would need to be opened on Saturdays.

In the main lot, spaces could be painted every season. This will clarify the existing spaces. Some additional clearing in this area could be done to create a bit more space. NEMBA and CYS and other volunteers will do the clear cutting.

The Commission supports the proposed clearing.

