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MAYNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, January 8, 2013, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Conservation Commission Office, Town Hall

PRESENT: Commission Members: Fred King (chairman), John Dwyer, Peter Keenan, and Jessica Pfeifer
Agent: Linda Hansen
Visitors: See attached list of hearing attendees

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

- Review minutes from 12/18/2012. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0) to approve the minutes as amended.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Notice of Intent (continuation)
213 Main Street
Loftis Maynard, LLC

Demolition of existing single family house and construction of two duplexes. A site visit by the Commission was conducted on January 5, 2013. The Commission members inspected the annual mean high water line. In response to observations at the site visit and comments during the December 18th hearing, Mr. Donohoe modified the plans and provided a new set of plans (total of four pages) to the Commission: The changes include:

1. modified mean high water mark on the existing condition plan,
2. a recharge basin behind the two duplexes (to replace the infiltration unit in the driveway),
3. two sets of erosion control barriers were added,
4. removal of the rear retaining walls, and
5. an invasive species control plan for the removal of tree of heaven and bittersweet vine.

The amount of fill estimated for the duplex construction is 150 cubic yards. Mr. Donohoe also provided the Commission a new set of stormwater calculations together with a new narrative to support the NOI changes. A conservation restriction will be potentially required for the undeveloped riverfront area to limit alterations in the remainder of the property. Mr. Donohoe will provide the Commission with the HydroCAD drawings.

The abutters voiced their concerns: Mr. Jim Britt was concerned about flooding on this property and the loss of the river view from the road. Elizabeth Britt asked about which line on the plan represented the modified mean high water line. Mr. McGoldrick asked about the indicators for mean high water and also noted that the debris deposited during high water was removed by him annually. Mrs. Doyle asked about hiring a consultant for a peer review and was concerned about the calculations for the amount of alterations in the riverfront. Mr. Rolfe inquired about the infiltration basin. The basin must meet the design requirements to allow the basin to drain within 72 hours. Mr. Jenkins asked about snow removal to the west of the driveway or removal to each side of the driveway, because piling the snow to the east side would cause a visual barrier (and snow melt) to his driveway. The Commission noted that snow could be deposited to either side.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all present (4-0), including the applicant, to continue the hearing until February 19th at 7:00.

WETLANDS/STORMWATER ISSUES:

- None

LAND MANAGEMENT:

- Rockland Avenue trails. Mr. Keenan walked the trails and noted the downed trees on the trails. A volunteer was located to help with the removal of the trees blocking the trails.
- Chestnut tree restoration project inquiry. The Conservation Commission would be happy to host these trial, hybrid chestnut trees on Commission property. A signed contract with the American Chestnut Foundation is required, which limits any reproduction of these trees. Note, Lincoln Conservation Commission hosts these trees.

- Inquiry regarding deer hunting on Conservation Land. The agent replied to the anonymous email inquiry that the Commission does not allow deer hunting on Conservation Land.
- Approval of CPC application for turf improvements to Rockland soccer fields. The Commission reviewed this proposal at a previous meeting and agreed that the turf improvements are acceptable alterations to the fields.
- Set up meeting with property owner at 29 Dix Road. The resident requested a meeting with Mr. King and the agent. The Commission will need to be involved if any decisions are required and requested we meet with him at our next Commission meeting. The agent will set up a meeting for January 22nd.

BUSINESS:

- Annual town report due January 30th.

Mail of note:

- Friends of Assabet Wildlife Refuge January Events

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30