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Stoneham Conservation Commission
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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Tuesday November 29, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.
HEARING ROOM
Town Hall

OTHER DISCUSSION:

Present: George, Herlinda Saitz, Dominic Cimina, Megan Day, Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Norman Les'Esperance

Next Meeting: December 20th

- **Tom Younger**
Weiss Farm Discussion

Mr. Younger explains that he has brought himself up to speed with the Weiss Farm project. He has met with the Selectmen and the attorney Mr. Blaeser.

Ellen explains that we walked the site, explains who was present, including the state, and a rep with the EOS

Ellen explains that we denied the project, they appealed, DEP gave a superseding order, we are appealing and we are going to DEP this Friday.

Bob Parsons: this is a very complex hydraulic site, we have 3 engineers who have looked at this site.

Bob Parsons explains that there could be a benefit in having a joint discussion with the Board of Selectmen.

Bob Parsons: this is a complicated ongoing issue.

Ellen asks about a turf field at Weiss farm. Mr. Younger stated he was familiar with turf field requests.

Marcia Wengen asked what and when the board votes on for the oaks. Ellen explains that the Conservation Commission votes on the swap and it must be a unanimous vote 7/0, then a vote from town meeting, and then to the Legislature.

7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- **21 Manison**
Represented by Charles Houghton, Esq
Determination of Riverfront distance

Charlie discusses moving Tony's tile to this location.

Sweet Water Brooke is within 200 ft,

Peter from Hayes Engineering explains his thinking about when a river goes thru a culvert greater in length than 200 ft

A site visit is scheduled for Saturday 12/2 at 9:30 am,

Other site visits scheduled for Saturday, 12/22/16:
Nottingham site visit 12/2 at 10:00
3-7 Schiappa Circle after Nottingham
Birch St after Schiappa

Steve Angelo, Department of Recreation Town of Stoneham

Request to use Whip Hill for Gingerbread Event
12/17/16 from 9am-12pm. Elementary Children.
Ellen reads the email into record.
The board unanimously votes yes.

• **Marcia Wengen, Historic Commission**

Advantages of being a historic place for Whip Hill.
Marcia states the house is not on the Register
Benefits: recognition, tax incentives, bragging rights,
Matching grants.

Ellen asks what is the criteria.

Marcia explains that detailing historical facts such as:

1. Angie Crockett hired mostly women for her Rubber plant in Saugus
2. the house is greater than 50 yrs of age (2018 celebration)
3. Architecture

Marcia explains that there are preservation restrictions or conservation restrictions

Marcia said we should talk to a preservation architect/attorney. She has contact info for one in Winchester that is familiar with National Register process.

Ellen mentions the Garden Club Chair Grace may be interested in helping develop robust history of Whip Hill. Dolly Wilson potentially interested in helping. Fundraise around anniversary possibly.

• **Dan Towse Scholarship**

Funds from the Santa at Whip Hill will start fund for high school student.
10th pot luck dinner at Conservation, Megan to email.

• **Stoneham Conservation Regulations review – Cathy Rooney**

Posting in paper for Form 1 Request for Determination of Applicability needs to be written so petitioner knows they are responsible for posting ad in Independent.
Motion Bob to modify policy wording of Section 7.2 Subsection A
Cathy will draft wording for review at January Con Com meeting

• **Review of Stoneham Policies:**

planting of Trees, recommendations.
Brookline, Weston, Newton for reference
Jen will write for Commission's review.

• **Approve Minutes October 12, 2016 and November 2, 2016**

Motion to approve : George, Norman

Motion to adjourn Herlinda, Norman 2nd 9:00pm