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35 Central Street

Stoneham Conservation Commission
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**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 18, 2020
Banquet Room**

7 PM

Carolyn Jin, Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Robert Parsons, Ellen McBride, Megan Day, Dominic Cimina, Norm L'Esperance

PUBLIC HEARING:

11 South Marble

Adrian Poci

The regulation of the flow of water in backyard, in and out of the channel, by replacing the old pipe and extending it along the entire length of the channel.

Notice of Intent Continued Motion made by Bob Parsons, seconded by Norm L'Esperance 6/0

Rear Hillside Ave.

Jim Juliano

Leah Basbane/Gary Litchfield

Construction of a new single family house with driveway and associated grading in the 100 foot buffer zone.

Notice of Intent continued/Request for Determination of Applicability continued. Motion made by Norm L'Esperance, seconded by Bob Parsons 6/0

TOWN PROJECTS:

Department of Public Works

Brett Gonsalves

Cemetery repair

Mr Gonsalves requests sending certified mail to 4 abutters within feet of project and will submit Notice of Intent. Heidi Davis from DEP agreed and permission was granted. Discussed future DPW projects to include a standing order for stream maintenance that would be revisited annually. All discussed involving area groups such as Scouts in cleanup of conservation areas. Mr. Gonsalves will file Notice of Intent for 3/10/20 meeting.

EXTENSIONS:

Redstone

Steven Cicatelli

Extension request DEP #297-0329

2008 order origin, no pavement change with final client behind Marshalls. Current order expires 4/3/2020. Mr. Cicatelli is requesting this last extension and anticipates lease signed by new tenant. Plans and footprint remain the same. Ellen McBride mentions plows leaving salt piles within 200 feet of brook. She asks Mr. Cicatelli to reference original order to see if sand/salt is allowed. Dominic Cimina recuses himself. Bob Parsons mentions limits of permit extension. Motion made by Bob Parsons to continue until 3/10/20 seconded by Norm L'Esperance 7/0/1.

MWRA

Jerry Sheehan

Extension Request DEP #297-0383

Commission would like to know what is left to do, as there is not a representative present from MWRA this is continued until 3/10/20.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2 North Street

Bear Hill Golf Club

Discussion of jurisdictional environmental protections.

Ellen McBride recaps what has transpired. Jim Previte visited Bear Hill when notified trees within Conservation's jurisdiction were being removed. Mr. Previte advised Kevin to stop tree removal. Ellen McBride served enforcement order on January 29, 2020 at 4:15pm. No one has present in garage so Ellen McBride returned January 30th at 8:30am. Kevin called Tom MacKay who is a Vice President at Bear Hill Golf Club. The parking lot is outside of Conservation's jurisdiction so tree removal there is acceptable. Trees along North Street needed to be discussed with Tree Warden Jim Previte. Mr. Previte gave ok to remove certain trees. Mr. MacKay apologized and said it was an oversight that Conservation was not consulted first. Mr. MacKay mentions bird house as cut line. Mr. MacKay states coyotes were hiding and attacking geese. Mr. MacKay reached out to Johnny Benedetto who is a specialist/trapper who advised to clean up brush so coyote wouldn't be able to hide. He was unaware coyotes are protected animals, and thought they were doing the best thing.

Ellen McBride says a Notice of Intent as the removal was within 200 feet of Sweetwater Brook, and maps with plans to determine appropriate actions should have been submitted. Now that the trees have been removed other trees will need to be replaced. When the number of trees removed is determined then instructions for replacement will be issued.

Wincrest in pond dumping with stream clogged with silt is brought up. Charlie Houghton was attorney for Wincrest so he may have input on who is responsible for cleanup.

Tom Adams from 99 High St says conservation land which should be a protected area is destroyed. The pond and brook and reeds need to be corrected. There are lots of coyotes, it is nature.

Pat Adams from 99 High St asks how much can you amend a natural wetland? She mentions fish and wildlife have been disrupted. Sediment issue in catch basins. Has bond been released?

Meredith Brown 97 High St. has lived there for 2.5 years, bought house from Helen Craigweyer (spelling?) in 2017. There is 3 feet of silt. Ellen McBride mentions that Charlie Houghton may recall what was agreed to. Meredith Brown's contact number is 781-435-2992. Tom MacKay from Bear Hill Golf Club is 617-314-6213.

Approve Meeting Minutes January 7 and 28, 2020.

Motion made by Alex Rozycki to approve both dates minutes and seconded by Norm L'Esperance 8/0

Megan Day mentions Stoneham 101 is 4/4/20 and Conservation presence warranted. Megan Day has literature for table at library from 10am-noon. Jessica Gerke offers to help. Please add to 3/10/20 agenda.

Next Meetings March 10, 2020 and March 31, 2020

Motion made to conclude meeting by Norm L'Esperance and seconded by Bob Parsons 8/0