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Town Hall
35 Central Street

Stoneham Conservation Commission
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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 22 2023 REMOTE 7 PM

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Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8 South Marble St #297-0412

Nicole Wheeler

Notice of Intent to remove trees and replant.

Ms. Wheeler talks about 3 trees leaning towards the house, closest tree is 30 feet from back of property. Alex Rozycki asks for matching shrubs and tree replacement. Michele Weldon neighbor asks why they are on the call. Jessica Gerke responds trees are within buffer zone of stream and 8 South Marble asking to remove. Jessica Gerke asks about replacement trees. Ms. Wheeler responds they plan to replace 3 trees. Tom Brady Tree warden has seen trees and agrees they should come down, Brett Gonsalves agrees trees should be removed. 1:1 replacement is fair per Alex Rozycki. Megan Day asks about recommendation of one to one list from Tom Brady of native plantings and trees. Megan Day mentions minimum size of trees for replacement. Alex Rozycki does not believe we need to plant massive trees but there should be a translation.

Public comment: Mr. Weldon not opposed to project. Unfamiliar with Conservation Commission, 15 South Marble has many trees, asks for general information about upkeep. Jessica Gerke answers Wetlands Protection Act is upheld as well as local bylaws. Anywhere there is a wetland resource in Stoneham and adjacent buffer zones there is jurisdiction to protect wetland resources of community. Mr. Weldon asks if tree health can be assessed. Alex Rozycki comments anything within 25 feet no build, 100 feet of wetlands is jurisdictional to Conservation Commission. Change of land use in wetland areas is jurisdictional to Conservation Commission. Is it required to disclose wetlands to buyer is asked by Mr. Weldon. Alex Rozycki answers it may be disclosed by real estate agent, wet areas jurisdictional to Conservation Commission. Motion to close public hearing by Jessica Gerke, seconded by Alex Rozycki roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson yes 4/0 Alex Rozycki makes motion to approve order of conditions conditional to suggested planting plan at 1:1 ratio as well as generator seconded by Jessica Gerke Roll Call yes Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson 4/0 Jessica Gerke mentions 10 day appeal period, erosion control and protections, Alex Rozycki asks Ms. Wheeler to come back when work is complete for certificate of compliance.

DISCUSSION

MWRA Project off North Border Road and Fallon Road

Jerry Sheehan

Extension request for MassDEP: #297-0394, expires on June 21, 2023

Replacement of Section 89 by DCR Pool buffer land on both sides of North Border Rd and takes a left on Fallon Rd and goes up 93 Ramp into another wetlands to Eugene Drive in Winchester.

Construction November 2023 moves to Fallon Rd through Easement until July 2024, final phase

North Border Rd by DCR pool to Fallon Street. Late start, working in Woburn, permit will be mostly in 2024. Jessica Gerke asks if anything has changed from original project.

Nothing has changed, Brett Gonsalves and Tom Brady met with Jerry Sheehan about clearing easement. 48 trees will be replaced besides replaced vegetation. Nothing has happened to date per Jerry Sheehan. Alex Rozycki says nothing has changed, wants to be sure trees are catalogued when replaced. Project along Main St along Spot Pond pump station higher than road, a lot of washout there, not sure if its DCR or Conservation land but asks how MWRA plans to reestablish vegetation there? Vault box 4-5 feet higher than road. Wants to be sure to close out a project before beginning another. No erosion or sediment controls within 100 feet of Spot Pond, it's a mess near South St/Zoo. Jerry Sheehan responds large drain line, no drainage from DCR roadways goes into reservoir. Alex Rozycki suggests Conservation needs to look into state of erosion controls. Richard Jackson agrees. Project by Spot Pond needs to be revisited, and it should be replaced and improved.

Motion to approve extension Jessica Gerke, seconded by Alex Rozycki roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson yes 4/0

Correspondence

Stoneham High School- Nitsch engineering sent updated plans to notify of the change in surface type of the northwest sports field from natural grass to synthetic turf. SCC agreed to turf originally. No issues from SCC per Jessica Gerke and Alex Rozycki.

Whip Hill

Garden Club dates for 2023/24

10am-2:30pm on 8/10, 9/14, 9/21, 10/12, 10/19, 11/9, 11/16, 12/14, 12/21, 2/8, 3/14, 3/21, 4/1, 4/18, 5/9, 5/16

Jessica Gerke makes motion to approve dates, Alex Rozycki seconds. Roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson yes 4/0

Miscellaneous

Topics to be added to future meetings: Conservation tree replacement policy.

Stoneham Wetlands coming to next meeting.

MWRA open projects

Approve Meeting Minutes from May 2, 2023

Motion by Alex Rozycki seconded by Megan Day roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson yes 4/0

Next Meeting June 12, 2023

September meet in person at Whip Hill

Motion to close Alex Rozycki, seconded by Jessica Gerke Roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day and Richard Jackson yes 4/0