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Dudley Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes December 13, 2023

The scheduled meeting of the Dudley Conservation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:05 PM in Room 321A of the Dudley Municipal Complex by Vice Chairman, George Slingo and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: George Slingo, Francis Mikolajczak, Wesley Mroczka and James Koebke Absent: Richard Androlewicz, Samantha Costello and Robert Tuttle

Attending on ZOOM: Environmental Engineer Matt Marro

Call To Order:

The meeting was called or order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman George Slingo. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

New Business:

- 1. <u>37 Lawrence Road</u> Request for Determination of Applicability / Conner Land Trust LLC
 - Project: Installation of a well.
 - Abutter Steve Watroba was present and provided information regarding a prior oil spill and stated that the tests taken from the DEP monitoring wells have all been clear. Mr. Watroba also stated that the sewer lines from 37 Lawrence Road crossed his property.
 - Environmental Consultant Matt Marro said that there was no impact to the wetlands and recommended a negative determination.
 - Francis Mikolajczak made a motion to issue a negative determination. Seconded by James Koebke. All in Favor 4-0-0, unanimous.
- 2. <u>11 New Boston Road</u> Request for Determination of Applicability / Peter Labby
 - Project: Subsurface Sewerage Disposal System Repair
 - Robert Duff of McClure Engineering, Inc., Charlton, MA, attended on behalf of Peter Labby. He informed the Commission that the old tank would be crushed or removed and that there would be average disturbance to the area. The project would take approximately 2-3 days of work to complete.
 - Environmental Consultant Matt Marro recommended to issue a negative determination.
 - Francis Mikolajczak made a motion to issue a negative determination. Seconded by Wesley Mroczka. All in Favor 4-0-0, unanimous.
- 3. <u>21 Wayne Avenue</u> Request for Determination of Applicability / Joseph O'Brien
 - Project: Deck build right rear corner of dwelling-Build deck where existing deck was removed. Install 3 hand dug footings.
 - Applicant Joseph O'Brien was not present.
 - Conservation Clerk Ora Finn stated that she had not received notification of the required legal posting,

• No action was taken.

Wetlands Consultant Comments:

1. <u>Status Report – Town PFAS Project</u>

- Representatives from Tighe&Bond and GEG Construction, Inc. were present.
- A photographic log was distributed to the Commission members showing several photos of sites in various stages of construction. These sites included 79 Schofield Avenue which is being used as a staging area. The easement and unnamed stream where straw wattles and cobbles were used to reduce erosion and stabilize the streambank and Fairview Avenue roadwork and storm drain.
- Matt Marro commented that the erosion protection at 79 Schofield Avenue was gone but seems to have been restored. He had seen photos from an abutter showing haphazard work, crossing over wetlands and not very good construction. He stated that things need to be tightened up. He also noted that the manhole installed on the easement was installed in a different place than what was approved on the plan. Matt Marro said that more careful. The Representative from Tighe&Bond stated that the manhole will be maintained by the Water/Sewer Department.
- Resident Joseph Nierodzinski was present. Mr. Nierodzinski granted an easement to the town for the PFAS project. He stated that when the manhole was discovered to be in the wrong place, he met on his property with Tighe&Bond and GEG. He was told that an area of his land would be filled and leveled in the Spring. This area is outside of the easement. After some discussion, Emily Church from Tighe&Bond said she would arrange a meeting onsite with Mr. Nierodzinski.
- There were no further questions from the audience or from Matt Marro. Matt Marro stated that he hopes that Tighe&Bond and GEG can work together with the resident.

2. <u>Status Report – 52 Center Road</u>

- Present were neighbors of 52 Center Road: Leonard Wieloch and Kenneth Canty.
- Wetlands Consultant Matt Marro stated that the property continued to be monitored. The shed will be disposed of. The swimming pool is greater than 100' from the wetlands; it is not an issue. It's a matter of waiting for the growth to happen and the replication will be complete.
- Leonard Wieloch asked how much time was given to cut the container up. Matt Marro stated that Environmental Consultant Glenn Krevosky will be filing periodic reports with him.
- Leonard Wieloch then asked about the abandoned car and Matt Marro stated that it had been removed.

Other Business:

• Signature Page for 65 Flaxfield Road-DEP #146-0794 was signed. The OOC was originally signed on October 18, 2023; the DEP # was incorrect.

- Approval of November 1, 2023 minutes. James Koebke made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Francis Mikolajczak. All in Favor,4-0-0 Unanimous.
- Approval of 2024 Meeting Agenda. James Koebke made a motion to approve the Annual 2024 Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda; the motion was seconded by Francis Mikolajczak. All in Favor,4-0-0

Adjournment:

• James Koebke made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Francis Mikolajczak. All in Favor, 4-0-0 unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Documents Included:

WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability – 37 Lawrence Road
WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability – 21 Wayne Avenue
WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability – 11 New Boston Road
PFAS - Photographic Log provided by Tighe&Bond
Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Ora E. Finn Conservation Clerk Dec. 13, 2023

Richard J. Androlewicz, Chairman

George Slingo, Vice Chairman

Francis Mikolajczak

Samantha S. Costello

James Koebke

Robert Tuttle

Wesley Mroczka

Approved: March 27, 2024