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Minutes
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6:00 PM

Justin Morgan Auditorium

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<https://livestream.com/accounts/5714082/events/6341212/videos/178143632>

Members present: Chairperson Kevin Cote, Virginia Danforth, Maryellen Hammond, Melissa Hensen, Adam Jabber and Deena Maniscalchi

Members excused: Daniel Hannoush

Others present: Mark Noonan, Conservation Agent

Deena Maniscalchi assumed the chair in Kevin Cote's absence and opened the meeting at 6:04 P.M. She thanked everyone for attending and in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, she read the standard procedures for those intending to record meetings, the receiving of information by the Board, and documentation kept by the Board.

Commission members and staff introduced themselves for the general public.

Kevin Cote arrived at 6:05 P.M. and took over his role as chairman.

Agenda

Motion made to accept the agenda by Hammond, second by Hensen. AIF

Approval of Minutes:

Mark Noonan, "The minutes from the last meeting have yet to be completed." Introduced Darleen Dubiel as part of the Central Maintenance Dept. who will be taking the minutes as suggested and supported by the Mayor.

Public Participation:

Kevin asked if there were any items not on the agenda raised by the public. There were not. There was no public participation.

Request for Determination:

39 Humphrey Lane, shed installation, in buffer of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Cote opened the discussion on the shed located at 39 Humphrey Lane. Commissioners reviewed a GIS map of the area with the proposed shed location shown on it. Noonan informed the commission that due to the shed's proposed location, less than 50 feet from the wetland boundary, it can **not** be viewed as a minor project, and he could issue a letter that would allow installation to proceed. Due to the shed's close proximity to wetland resources, it will require review and approval by the Conservation Commission. It is within 35 feet.

Maniscalchi mentioned the staked areas 10-15 feet from side fence and 16 feet from back fence, based on a screen shot from Google Earth she had looked at.

Cote asked if there were any concerns with our agreement. Noonan said there were no concerns and the resident had been very good to work with. Noonan has drafted a Determination of Applicability with standard conditions. Commissioners and applicant have a copy of the draft conditions.

Hensen mad a motion to close the hearing, Hammond seconded the motion AIF. Maniscalchi made a motion to issue a negative three Determination of Applicability with conditions 1-8. The motion was seconded by Hensen. AIF.

Other Business:

330-0350, Chandler Architectural Restriction Follow Up

Chairman Cote asked the status of this agenda item. Noonan told the Commission that he would set up a refresher meeting with the attorney for Chandler Architectural, Bruce Leiter, to review the agreement.

330-0337, Connecticut River Walkway Bikeway, request to manage invasive species.

Noonan updated the Commission on the project status. He informed them that the trail is scheduled to be paved within a month. MassDOT and the City with to manage both invasive species and noxious vegetation such as poison ivy. Noonan stated that the Commission could allow this activity under the existing Order of Conditions. Commission members did not object to this strategy. Noonan will send correspondence to the applicant stating the work may proceed

under the existing order, provided the applicant meets any requirements relative to application of herbicides required by Mass Department of Agricultural resources.

Chairperson Cote asked if there was any other business. There was not. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Darleen Dubiel