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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/184705947>

Members present: Kevin Cote, Maryellen Hammond, Danny Hannoush, Melissa Hensen, Deena Maniscalchi

Members excused: Virginia Danforth, Adam Jabber

Others present: Mark Noonan; Conservation Agent

Introduction

Chairman Cote opened the meeting at 6:05 P.M. He thanked everyone for attending and in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, 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.
Meeting Procedures were reviewed.

Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda made by Hannoush. Second by Hensen. AIF

Minutes

Past minutes will not be reviewed until the next meeting.

Public Participation:

Cote asked if there was anything not on the agenda that needed to be discussed. There was nothing raised.

Notice of Intent - 1333 Westfield St. - Dunkin Donuts

Cote read a letter from R. Levesque and Assoc. requesting a continuance until the next meeting.

Request for Determination of Applicability - 530 Rogers Ave. - Wetland Lines

Ryan Nelson from R. Levesque Associated took the podium to review the jurisdictional wetland area. Noonan stated he had been out to the site and after further discussion he agrees with the determination. Additionally there is drainage in another area that is not jurisdictional. This will be noted. Nelson said going forward that drainage channel would be noted. Cote asked the commissioners if they had any questions. Noonan said to close the hearing and issue a confirmation with a positive determination of the wetland lines based on the updated plan.

Maniscalchi moved to close the hearing. Hannoush second. AIF

Hannoush made a motion to issue a positive determination of the wetland delineation as presented.

Hensen second. AIF

Request for Certificate of Compliance - 757 Riverdale St. (330-0306)

Noonan stated they are ready to issue the certificate. He presented it for signatures.

Hannoush made a motion to issue the certificate of compliance. Hensen second. AIF

Other Business - Piper Green Drainage (330-0328)

Cote stated Noonan has been looking at the peer review study. Noonan commented about Duke St and it's history. He has sent the information over to R. Levesque Associates. Other items are still being looked into. Cote commented about looking both forwards and back to investigate all avenues for a potential resolution. Eager to hear the feedback from the applicant and the consultant by the next meeting.

Noonan commented that Duke St. was built during two different time periods, (roughly 30 years apart) each under different standards.

Terry Douglas of 65 Duke St. took the podium commenting that in years with higher rainfall they never had the problems they have now.

Maniscalchi asked Noonan if an uninterested party reviewed the project specifications to see if they were followed. Noonan said an "as built" will be done at the end of the project. At that time a review could be requested. Maniscalchi asked what marks the end of the project? Noonan said when they say they are done. It remained open because of the possibility of working in the buffer zone. Maniscalchi asked if it was possible they could not close this project. Noonan said they would want a clean transfer with an unencumbered title. Was the entire property sold between the start of the project and now? Noonan clarified that the original proponents were Sypek & Mitchell, not Bourque. The only common denominators are this commission, myself, Levesque Associates, and the neighbors.

Cote said the peer review could be done at the "as built". The commission picks the reviewer. This will be continued at the next meeting.

Cote adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Darleen Dubiel