

Newburyport Conservation Commission

March 7, 2017

Senior/Community Center Board Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Teixeira called a meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Steve Moore, Paul Healy, Doug Muir, Joe Teixeira, Dan Warchol and David Vine. Dan Bourdeau was absent. Julia Godtfredsen was also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Steve Moore moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting as submitted. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Old and New Business

Business Park Stormwater

Informal Discussion

Julia Godtfredsen met with Ralph Castagna, Jim Zampell and Jon-Eric White in the business park to discuss the invasive plant materials that are growing at the perimeter of some detention basins. Mr. Castagna said the detention basins become saturated and are difficult to mow. He is proposing to deepen the detention basins to create larger reservoirs. He believes the action would help control the phragmites. Julia Godtfredsen suggested Jon-Eric White review a proposal to deepen a detention basin from the perspective of its stormwater management design. An RDA or Notice of Intent would be required for any basin without an open permit that is within the Commission's jurisdiction.

5. Certificates of Compliance, Requests for Determinations, Requests for Minor Modifications

Parker One Realty Trust and CCC Realty Trust

65 Parker Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0394

The plans were recorded in 1996 and nothing of significance has occurred on the site since that time. Steve Moore moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Hearings

Steve Moore moved to open the public hearings. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Gary Litchfield, C&L Homes, LLC

1 G Street

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-0966

The applicant requested a continuance. Steve Moore moved to continue the public hearing to the March 21 meeting. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nicole Young, Six Bayne Lane Revocable Trust

6 Bayne Lane

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-0967

Bill Decie represented the applicant, who is proposing to construct a two-story, 1,300 square foot addition on the side of the house. A revised plan was submitted indicating the location of the fourth tree that is to be installed. Natural Heritage determined the project would not result in a taking. Steve Moore moved to close the public hearing. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Steve Moore moved to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Orders of Conditions

Nicole Young, Six Bayne Lane Revocable Trust

6 Bayne Lane

DEP File #051-0967

Steve Moore moved to issue an Order of Conditions. Joe Teixeira seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Enforcement

7 Harbor Street

The property owner reported the fence has been removed. Julie Godtfredsen will visit the site.

9. General Business

Joe Teixeira and Julia Godtfredsen attended the MACC conference and obtained information on enforcement orders and ticketing. The ordinance must include a fee schedule that would be applied equally to all violations. A new ticket would be issued each day. A City Council vote would be necessary to amend the ordinance to include the fee schedule.

10. Adjournment

Steve Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.