



Town of Sterling

Conservation Commission

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In attendance:

MINUTES

STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-September 17, 2019

BUTTERICK BUILDING- Basement Level (B03) 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)

4. New Business-

4.1 Open Space Maintenance Proposal – Overlook and general maintenance discussion
Proposals from both Lakeview Landscaping and Keith Favreau were discussed and reviewed. The Commission after consideration decided to hire Keith Favreau of S&K logging based on his proposal by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second by Ms Valentine with a unanimous vote to approve. MS. Valentine also presented pictures of the Mudgett Orchard

4.2 Blaine Bouchard presented the commission with the vegetation management plan for the DPW right of ways and was requesting the conservation commission sign off on it.

4.3 (Note: Mr. Michalak recused himself from this matter and left the table) J Michalak eagle scout candidate proposed working on a portion of the overlook trail. He noted that the project budget would be about 500 dollars mostly lumber costs. Mr Pineo moved to allow him to move forward with the project. Ms Valentine seconded and the commission voted unanimously

5. Enforcement/Investigation- Investigation 160 Princeton Road Continued- Chad Tulley and his representative proposed constructing a retaining pond on his property and install three pipes to replace the culvert on James Densmores property with three pipes for a total of 64 inches. They proposed also an access road for the maintenance. Both Tulley and Densmore stated they agreed with this approach and could start as soon as possible. Mr Pineo moved to allow the restoration work to proceed under the enforcement order. Ms. Smith seconded and the commission voted unanimously. There were no comments made by the public.

6. Certificates of Compliance/Extension permits - A certificate of compliance was issued for DEP 295-441, Santos Provost, North Cove Road by a motion of Mr. Michalak and a second of Mr Pineo and a unanimous vote by the commission to approve.

7 Agents Report

7.1 Erosion Control on Hall Ave- update Mr. Marro Spoke to Shawn Farrow who will have the erosion line on Hall Ave Replaced by the end of this month

7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting update Mr Marro noted that Gary Gouldrup informed him that the latest cutting project is almost complete. He is working with Gary on the Park Street Property and Hall Ave as a simultaneous proect.MM will also apply for a stewardship grant for the Overlook property

7.3 Treasury Report – update MM noted that the total of all funds added come to almost



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84,000 dollars.

7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update – MM noted that proposals are forthcoming from CEI and Bohler Engineering.--

8. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM by a motion of Mr Michalak and a second by Ms Valentine and a unanimous vote

Public Hearings

7:35 and 7:45 PM : In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing on a notice of intent for the development of a single family home with portions of a new shared driveway, house, well and associated grading proposed within the 100 foot buffer zone of Rowley hill Road, Lot 1 and Lot 2 Map 43 portion of parcel 17.

Dan Wolfe from David Ross representing the applicant. He oriented the commission to the overview of both lots 1 and 2. He reviewed the specifics for each lots and the applicable buffer zones. The Commission had an issue with lot 2 and wanted to site walk both lots. Site walk was agreed for Monday 9/23 5 PM. The meeting was continued to October 1, 2019 at 7:30 PM by a motion of Mr. Pineo and a second by Mr Michalak and a unanimous motion to approve.

7:55 PM : In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing on request for a determination of applicability at 65 Beaman Road for the replacement/upgrade of a septic system by James Simpson

Jim Simpson explained the septic upgrade to the commission. Mr. Michalak moved to issued a negative three determination with a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote to approve the motion.