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Yarmouth Conservation Commission

December 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: David D. Flaherty, Jr., Chairman, Hugh March, Joan Carr,
Tom Durkin, Phil Johnston

Members Absent: Ed Hoopes, Gerry Duffy

Staff: Kerry Muldoon, Conservation Administrator

Notice of Intent:

George Allaire, Town of Yarmouth DPW, 27 Ancient Way, Yarmouth Port, MA

Mr. Richard Anctil from the Town Engineering department was present at the meeting and submitted the green cards. He described the project to the Commission. The project is to stabilize a bank and to install drainage and a berm. The eroded area will have a biodegradable mat to stop further erosion. A fence will also be installed. Mr. Anctil provided the Commission with the calculations and the drainage pattern of the area. Commissioner Carr asked when the project will begin and stated she liked the idea of the fence. Mr. Anctil stated the project should start in the spring. Commissioner Durkin stated he also likes the fence. Chairman Flaherty asked to clarify the berm and swale. Mr. Anctil stated the swale would have maintenance along with it. Chairman Flaherty opened up the hearing to the audience. Mr. Dale Snowden is an abutter to the cemetery and stated he has been flooded out in the past with activity that has occurred at the cemetery. Chairman Flaherty stated the Commission is responding to the current application which should help manage and the control of water, it should improve upon existing conditions. Mr. Snowden also stated that the area has been used for dumping in the past. The Commission agreed that the area should not be used for illegal dumping and the installation of the fence should prevent help that. The Commission also suggested calling the police if they see people illegal dumping. Chairman Flaherty stated the project will help prevent stormwater runoff and put it back in the ground. A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin to issue an Order of Conditions with the following special conditions, 1-6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, contact the Conservation Administrator for the placement of the fence, and the all stormwater best management practices shall be maintained as specified in the Operation and Maintenance Plan submitted with the Notice of Intent and incorporated with the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.

Approved Document: Notice of Intent application, Order of Conditions, Plan dated 10/31/2011

(Con't 11/17, 12/1) Joseph Freehling. 21 Ridgewood Drive, Yarmouth Port, MA

Commissioner Carr read an email dated December 14, 2011 from Bob Perry asking for a continuance until the January 5, 2012 meeting. The engineer is in the process of preparing the plans. Commissioner March stated there are no engineered drawings of the site. A motion was made by Commissioner March to continue the hearing until January 5, 2012. Seconded by Commissioner Durkin. All in favor. Motion carries.

Certificate of Compliance:

Davenport Building Company, 11 Powers Lane, South Yarmouth, MA

Tom Grew from Davenport Building Company was present at the meeting. Chairman Flaherty read a letter from Down Cape Engineering dated December 1, 2011 into the record. Ms. Muldoon stated a site visit was conducted and there was a concern about the erosion on the east side of the dwelling. Chairman Flaherty asked if the pile was sand. Mr. Grew stated it was sand and dirt and was the existing material of the site and the existing vegetation shall grab the sand and hold it in place but a lot of the cracks happened after the plantings were put in. He hopes the roots will take off in the spring. Commissioner Carr asked if a better quality of sand was to be placed on top of the eroding pile would it help. Mr. Grew stated it will wash away by the rain and would not last or hold. Chairman Flaherty stated the engineer has a landscape architect onsite and should be able to recommend something. The Commission discussed that a letter from the engineer can be sent to the Commission as to how they will address the eroding area and if more vegetation or erosion controls are needed, the Commission will revisit this in the spring. Mr. Grew stated he will do the work right away and notify the Commission. Chairman Flaherty discussed continuing the next meeting instead of denying the project. Mr. Grew agreed and stated that he will talk to the engineer and discuss a way to stabilize the area. The next meeting will be January 5, 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Carr to continue the hearing until the January 5, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner March. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting Minutes to Approve:

10/20/2011, 11/3/2011, 11/7/2011, 12/1/2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve the meeting minutes of October 20, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Durkin . All in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flaherty to approve the meeting minutes of November 3, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Carr. All in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Commissioner March to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Carr. All in favor. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Durkin to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Carr. All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion:

Updates to Commission: The next Conservation Commission meeting will be January 5, 2012.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flaherty to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner March. All in favor. Motion passes.