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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016
SMALL HEARING ROOM
HARWICH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

PRESENT: Walter Diggs, Chairman; Brad Chase; Robert Sarantis, Robert Hartwell, Carolyn O'Leary, John Rossetti, and Amy Usowski, Conservation Administrator

ABSENT: Ernest Crabtree

6:32 PM Call to Order by Chairman Walter Diggs

Notice of Intent- continuance...

6:33 PM HFH Development LLC, Sisson Road & Forest Street, Map 31, Parcel D4 - Project involves placement of fill so as to provide the required side slopes for a proposed roadway; necessary clearing and proposed grading are the only activities within the 100 ft, buffer to vegetated wetland. Disturbed areas will be re-vegetated.

Presenters: John O'Reilly; Peter Donovan, and present Lou Seminara

Mr. O'Reilly described the project and identified the limit of the project in conjunction with Natural Heritage.

Amy Usowski stated that the Conservation Commission is only looking at disturbance within the 100' Buffer (grading of sloops, drainage, and revegetation). She recommends high bush blueberry with 90% survivability for two growing seasons. She also stated that the Planning Board has jurisdiction for other permitting.

Carolyn O'Leary asked when they plan to do the grading. Mr. O'Reilly answered in the spring to early summer.

Ms. Usowski recommended that the project not be approved until Natural Heritage has approved the project.

Bill Kavalesk from the audience asked about private property placement of debris and he expressed concern regarding Sisson Road flooding.

Mr. O'Reilly said that the placement of debris would be at Lot 9 (unbuildable property) and Lot 7 (unbuildable easement). He said the design is such as it is independent of flood on Sisson Road. Kathy Clobridge, an abutter asked if the state is aware of the Notice of Intent. Answer: No documentation from the state as yet.

Ms. Usowski said that Natural Heritage has 60 days to respond and the Conservation Commission cannot rule until Natural Heritage approval. Conditions can be put in place, but not a vote of approval tonight.

Mr. O'Reilly said Clean Water Act will address design, drainage etc. "NPEPS" (approval not required by Harwich Conservation Commission.

Jamie Selldorph inquired regarding topography design plan. Ms. Usowki said copies are available at the Conservation Office.

Motion made by Bob Sarantis to continue the Notice of Intent for HFH Development, Sisson Road and Forest Street until February 3, 2016 when approval by Natural Heritage is known. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.

Notice of Intent (continuance)

6:55 G. Rockwood Clark (for) David Tourigny, 4 Chase Street, Map 4, Parcel N3-B -Construction of paver-stone walls, walkways a fire pit, and landscaping activities.

Presenter: Rockwood Clark

Mr. Clark discussed plan for putting water underground in drywell. He stated that they had decided on no fire pit or patio. He discussed the use of oaks, pines, holly, daylily, and Cape Cod lawn etc.

Amy Usowski stated that what he had was not an engineered plan and that the Conservation Commission required a stamped, signed, properly engineered plan. She said that portions of the walls are in the 50' buffer and are against the By Laws. She wants to see water drainage without the walls. She said she likes the vegetation plan.

Mr. Clark said he can redo the plan to keep the walls out of the 50' buffer.

Brad Chase inquired regarding present patio construction material. Mr. Clark said he is trying to take it out and replant the area. Mr. Chase said he cannot see if the patio is in the 50' buffer with the current design plan.

Ms. Usowski restated the need for a certified engineered plan. Mr. Chase asked regarding square footage of new to old patio and how it changes.

Bob Hartwell discussed why we have the 50' to 100' restriction. Ms. Usowski said it is to prevent adverse effect to a wetland. She said that run off is an issue and the area could benefit from replanting.

Mr. Clark discussed the 5' grade from the walk out basement, the problems with timber walls, and the desire to use stone for more permanency. He said he needs to discuss the various options with the applicant.

John Rossetti asked if the project could be done without walls. Mr. Clark answered in the affirmative, but he prefers a landscape design with the walls.

Ms. Usowski asked if Mr. Clark would like feedback on a pervious patio. She also stated that irrigation is not allowed within the buffer zones. She said she recommends a continuance and requests a site visit with the contractor as well as a review of previous permits.

**Motion made by Bob Hartwell to continue the project at 4 Chase Street until February 3, 2016.
Seconded by Bob Sarantis. Vote: 6-0-0.**

Notice of Intent (continuance)

7:30 PM Wychmere Pines Associates, Inc., 0 Mill Road, Map 8, Parcel S6 - Proposed vegetation and beach front management activities to include revetment work.

Presenter: Don Monroe, Coastal Engineering

Mr. Monroe showed views of frontal profile of the project. He said he has had phone conversations with Wayne Jaetke of County Dredge regarding the amount of sand and sediment dredging. He referred to an Alternative Analysis Handout.

Amy Usowski said that Mr. Monroe has provided four alternatives. She said it has been a highly eroded bank.

Brad Chase said he comes back to performance standards. It is a difficult project, but under these conditions the plan is not acceptable.

Ms. Usowski said that #4 is the preferred alternative if anything is done, and that if nothing is done, there is a possibility for a negative effect in continuing to lose sediment and erosion.

Mr. Monroe said that the flood zone is behind the existing jetty. He feels the town is getting a benefit at the expense of the Association. If the town has to take over, Chapter 91 would be involved. He compared the work to work done similarly in Turo.

Bob Sarantis asked if the plan presented would prevent a second channel from forming. Mr. Monroe said yes. He is comfortable with the current design to protect the area.

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to approve the project for Wychmere Pines Assoc. Inc., 0 Mill Rd.
Seconded by John Rossetti. Vote: 5-1-0.**

Notice of Intent - continuance ...

7:45 Francis P. & Debra A. Zarette, Trustees, Farm View R.T., 11 Harbor Way, Map 1, Parcel H3 O - Proposed reconstruction of existing timber pile supported timber frame Fish House, including site redevelopment.

Motion made by Bob Hartwell to continue 11 Harbor Way until February 3, 2016 at request of applicant. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. Vote 6-0-0.

Notice of Intent

7:47 PM Robert S. Jr. and Gaylene D. Heppe, 311 Route 28, Map 12, Parcel L1 - proposed construction of a post and beam addition.

Presenter: Bob Heppe

Amy Usowski said she recommends drywells. She does not see any negative to wetlands from the project.

The Commission asked for mitigation of vegetation. Applicant said he is agreeable. Ms. Usowski will work with the applicant regarding a mitigation plan and plantings.

Carolyn O'Leary inquired regarding location of septic and its leaching field.

Motion made by Bob Hartwell to approve the project at 311 Route 28 subject to planting protocol. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. Vote: 6-0-0.

Notice of Intent

7:55 PM Wendy & Douglas Kreeger, 1 Wah Wah Taysee Road, Map a6, Parcel F2-1 - proposed revetment reconstruction.

Presenters: Catherine Ricks, Coastal Engineering and Jim O'Connell, Coastal Geologist

Ms. Ricks and Mr. O'Connell explained the project with drawings and discussed sloops; access and previous permitting. They explained access would be by way of Sea Street. They also said that the town has dredged previously.

Amy Usowski expressed concern regarding access over private property. The Presenters stated that permission would be sought from all abutters.

Carolyn O'Leary asked when the work would be done and inquired regarding access about the jetty. Answer: Work to be done off season, between October 15th and April 15th. Contractors use steel plates with sand on top. Ms. O'Leary also asked about the large equipment going over the beach. Ms. Ricks said that there are very large tires on the heavy equipment which displaces a lot of weight and protects the beach.

Ms. Usowski said that it could be conditioned that native vegetation not be disturbed.

Ed Doherty, Association President expressed concern regarding the fact that no property lines have been staked by a surveyor. He stated that the Association has just spent \$38,000 for beach nourishment and he is concerned with restitution for any disturbance to the beach being conditioned. He also expressed his concern regarding equipment going over private property. He said he has spoken with his insurance agent and was advised that Workmen's Compensation and Certificate of Insurance be conditioned. Mr. Doherty also stated that he wanted the abutters to get notices and the Association as well.

The Presenters and Ms. Usowski stated that all of his concerns would be conditioned.

Frank Archanbault, 18 Hiawatha inquired regarding: stones and erosion; additional beach nourishment and a concern regarding a wall with additional weight on it. Answer: Fabric filler, sand and weight with not have an effect.

Richard Gunterson also from Hiawatha Road inquired as to how nourishment is put in place. Ms. Ricks explained that it is blown in.

Wendy Gardner, Hiawatha Road asked about timing of work. Answer: Must be done within certain dates specified

Motion made by Bob Hartwell to continue project at 1 Wah Wah Taysee Road to February 17, 2016 to prepare Order of Conditions. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. Vote: 6-0-0.

Order of Conditions - None

Certificates of Compliance

8:50 PM Victoria Guth, 3 Atlantic Street, Map 6B, Parcel L147, SE 32-2085 - Demolish existing dwelling; construct new dwelling.

Motion made by Bob Sarantis to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 3 Atlantic Street. Seconded by Brad Chase. Vote: 6-0-0.

8:53 PM David M. & Elaine Carey, 9 Glendoon Road, SE 32-2223 - Title 5 Septic upgrade.

Motion made by Brad Chase to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 9 Glendoon Road. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.

MINUTES - Postponed to Next Meeting

DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, January 14, 2016 Public Meeting; BOS; HCC and others regarding "Running a Meeting"
Comments: Need to be more formal; Need for 3rd microphone for large meetings such as those regarding Thompson's Field.

Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Griffin Room - Regarding Open Space

Moderators: Amy Usowski, Administrator, Harwich Conservation Commission and David Spitz, Administrator, Planning Board.

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn made by Brad Chase at 9:10 PM. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. All in Favor.

Minutes transcribed by Marie Hickey, Board Secretary

WCD Digger
2-17-16

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Douglas Wood	
Jack Robbin	
John O'Reilly	
Peter Donovan	
Don Monroe	Coastal Engineering
Jamie Selldorph	
Bill Kavalesk	
Kathy Clobridge	
Cole Bakna	Coastal Engineering
Ed Doherty	
Catherine Ricks	Coastal Engineering
Frank Archanbalt	18 Hiawatha