

Minutes of the Taunton Conservation Commission June 12, 2023

Present: Chair Steven Turner, Commissioners Debra Botellio, Joshua Borden, Richard Enos, Luis Freitas, & Jan Rego. Commissioner Matthew Haggerty absent. Conservation Agent, Michele Restino & Recording Secretary, Denise Irving also present.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2023 DB, second JB, so voted.

Eagle Scout Project: Logan Caron, Troop 40, project at Westville Conservation Area. Logan Caron, Eagle Scout Troop 40 and Kevin Farrar, Eagle Scout Advisor present. Logan gave a presentation of what he would like to accomplish for his Eagle Scout project which includes repair of parking lot fence & vehicle gate, new mapping with more accurate trails, name the trails & add markers, bridge repair, entrance sign improvements and general cleanup of the area. DB: can we donate dollars from the wetland filing fees? Motion to donate \$100 from the wetland filing fee account DB, second JB, so voted. ST: When will you start? LC: by the end of July/Aug. ST: how many Scouts will help? LC: 15 ST: Would like to see pictures when completed. Please come back before the Commission once you are done. Motion to approve this project DB, second JB, so voted.

AMENDMENT:

1. Sabbatia Lake, City of Taunton, Amend OOC, SE73-2974-mechanical harvesting of water chestnut. Patrick Dello Russo, CFO & Ligia Madeira, Chief of Staff, City of Taunton present. DB: what does this mean? MR: a machine will cut thru the plants. ST: starting date? PD: paperwork submitted and approved by the Commonwealth. PD: \$500,000 new appropriation with funds to be used by 2027. Motion to issue the Amendment to the Order of Conditions, with existing Special Conditions DB, second JB, so voted.

Motion to go out of order JB, second DB, so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 90 County Street, DelloRusso, Jr., CFO/City of Taunton, ANRAD, SE73-3049 - for approval of resource area delineation. Abutter from 62 County Street states

he was not notified. A butter notification was checked. Appropriate notification was mailed to him, unfortunately he did not receive it in the mail. Dan Pallotta, P3 Project Manager, Rebecca Ducharme, P3 Project Manager, Stephen Chmeil, Wetlands Delineator, William Murray, RLA, Places Associates, Civil/Landscape Arch/Planner, Patrick DelloRusso, CFO-City of Taunton present. ST: Full Disclosure: I am a City of Taunton police officer and will probably be retired by the time this project is completed. Presentation was given. DB: this discussion tonight is only in regards to the property being marked for wetlands. Motion to issue the ORAD and must notify Natural Heritage of the vernal pools. DB, second JB, so voted.

Return to regular order of business JB, second DB, so voted.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

- 1. 871 Whittenton Street, Riendeau, COC, SE73-2963-** to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance DB, second JB, so voted.
- 2. 60 Hodges Avenue, Barnard/Comm. of MA-DMH, COC, SE73-2854-** to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance DB, second JB, so voted.
- 3. Westcoat Drive (Assessor's Lot 110-124), Taunton Municipal Airport, COC, SE73-2565-**to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance DB, second JB, so voted.
- 4. Westcoat Drive (Assessor's Lot 110-124), Taunton Municipal Airport, COC, SE73-2889-**to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance DB, second JB, so voted.
- 5. Westcoat Drive (Assessor's Lot 110-124), Taunton Municipal Airport, COC, SE73-2738-**to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance DB, second JB, so voted.

PUBLIC MEETING:

- 1. Stevens Street (Assessor's Lot 119-63) RDA, Ciffolillo/Cotley Street Realty, LLC, DSE-1321** -construction of a gravel entrance and stormwater swales. Claire Hoogeboom, LEC & Nick Kondek, Highpoint Engineering present. DB: what will be

stored? CH: soils & stock pile DB: no hazardous waste? CH: no DB: closest point to the wetlands? CH: 48' DB: snow storage? ST: can you add that to the plan and send to us? NK: yes ST: MR will monitor that it will be far away from the wetlands. Motion to issue a Negative Determination with Special Conditions 1-4, 15, 18, 19, and add SC 24 – berm is 4'-6' and snow removal area to be shown on plan. DB, second JB, so voted.

2. 469 County Street, RDA, Marckini, DSE-1322-for installation of a 18' diameter above ground pool. Paul & Rhonda Marckini present. JB: this is an existing duplex? RM: yes JB: 40' off back of house and centered on the property? RM: yes DB: you will be using a cartridge filter? RM: yes Motion to issue a Negative Determination, no Special Conditions apply – pool is already installed DB, second JR, so voted.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Winthrop Street (Assessor's 103-28), D.I. Trust II, NOI, SE73-2921 -for one infiltration basin in association with a proposed 135 SFH lot subdivision on parcels in Dighton. Joshua Glass, DI Trust, present. JG: Planning Board in Dighton has denied, Con Com is still on going. BETA will have additional comments. ST: keep MR in the loop and let her know if more time is needed. Motion to continue until 9/18/23 meeting JB, second JR, so voted.

2. Off Williams Street (Assessor's Lot 80-67), Mason/Eastside Development, LLC, NOI, SE 73-3037-proposed construction of a detention basin to capture stormwater from Maynard & Hunter Streets. John DeSousa, Northcounty Group & Marc Mason, owner present. JD: submitted revised plans and had a meeting at the City Engineer's office to discuss. MR: there are still items not shown correctly and not meeting standards. There is nothing about the neighbor's concerns and what study was used, updated stormwater is also needed. MR: sewer easement? JD: no JB: Didn't have time to review. Is it on for Planning Board? JD: no but it's an informal meeting with the Planning Board and only needs to be on the agenda 48 hours in advance. JB: Wants to continue. DB: Also agree where it was submitted late not enough time to review. JD: wants to go over concerns/issues now ST: You should be meeting beforehand with MR to go over the issues. You are rude and disrespectful to the Commission. You never admit when you are wrong. You consistently not provide the info requested and are late with it even when given

deadlines. Is there a study as requested? JD: No study but none of the stormwater leaves our site. MR: want to see a cross section of the rain gardens. ST: Make sure you meet with MR and have this all worked out before you come back for the next meeting. Motion to continue until 7/17/23 meeting with all documents requested to MR by 7/6/23 at 11 am. Also a copy to the City Engineer for his review. Request letter from City Engineer with his comments for the Commission's review. JB, second JR, so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 0 Hamlen Street (Assessor's Lot 77-715), Hopgood/Clarewood Homes, Inc., NOI, SE73-3047-proposed construction of a duplex dwelling with associated site grading. Steve Gilbert, SFG Associates & Andy Hopgood, Clarewood Homes, present. ST: how many more lots? AH: this is the last one. Motion to approve the Order of Conditions with Special Conditions 1-9, 17, 19, 21, 25-27 DB, second LF, so voted.

Public Input: Kevin Farrar, Fire Department: how can it be 0 Hamlen Street? This should have a street number for safety reasons. AH: number hasn't been assigned as yet but it will have a number.

2. 70 Henrietta Way (Lot 7), Hopgood/Clarewood Homes, Inc., NOI, SE73-3046-proposed construction of a single family home. Andy Hopgood, Clarewood Homes & Greg Bunavicz, Borderland Engineering present. GB did presentation. Motion to issue Order of Conditions with Special Conditions 1-9, 11, 17, 19, 21, & 25-28 JB, second RE, DB votes No, motion carries.

3. 40 Titus Way (Lot 3), Malloch Construction, NOI, SE73-3045-proposed construction of a residential duplex with associated grading, utilities, clearing & landscaping. Tom Morris, Zenith Consulting Engineers present. JB: Full Disclosure: has done work for Malloch but has no stake in this project. DB: will deck be done using big equipment? TM: no just an auger, using sono tubes & won't be within the 25' buffer. MR: fence can be problematic DB: maybe post don't go beyond this area & put it in the deed. Motion to issue Order of Conditions with Special Conditions 1-9, 11, 16-19, 21,25-27, & 35, add SC 49 – 2' cantilever deck & no fence behind deck but permanently posted marker posting conservation area. This to be made part of the deed & copy of deed must be provided to the Commission for the record JB, second DB, so voted.

4. 1141 County Street, Henry/Alliance Residential Co., NOI, SE73-3050-proposed site improvements including the construction of four detached multi-story residential buildings, one retail building, surface parking, landscaping & underground utilities servicing the site. A new driveway that will require a stream crossing in which a proposed three sided (open bottom) box culvert. Sean Henry, Alliance, Andrew Thibeault, Goddard Consulting, & Carlton Quinn, A & M present. ST read letter from City Engineer to be made part of the record. LF: Is this your first step? SH: yes LF: have you talked with the neighbors? SH: we are happy to engage. LF: think you should reach out to the neighbors

Public Input: Cheryl Monteiro, 55 Debra Drive, abutter. What will be the buffer? SH: tree line County Street side of tracks. CM: more vegetation would be appreciated, my land abuts the tracks. SH: approximately 85' from back of building to her property line. CM: lighting? CQ: no spill over lighting. CM: will there be parking behind the building? CQ: yes but you would never see it. Paul Monteiro, 55 Debra Drive, abutter. PM: same sentiments as his wife. CQ: Planning Board will require a landscaping plan. PB: we are about 25' above the train tracks. Kathleen Olson, 294 Plain Street, abutter KO: opposes this project. Will create more issues. The train station took the trees down and now all these people living there. William Olson, 294 Plain Street, abutter. WO: there is no real buffer. MBTA has added all kinds of work. MR: You received DEP's letter. Make sure that their concerns are addressed. DB: can I go on the property? CM: Absolutely you can go on our property. JB: Continue until they have met with the Planning Board. Motion to continue until 7/17/23 meeting, reach out to neighbors & address DEP concerns JB, second DB, so voted.

5. 123 Dolan Circle (Assessor's Lot 97-2) & Middleboro Avenue (Assessor's Lot 96-84), Ghazal/Deep Pond Farm, NOI, SE73-3048 -for gravel parking area & other general site improvements. George Ghazal, Deep Pond Farm and Evan Watson, W Engineering present. ST: you needed some extra parking GG: yes we are purchasing 17 acres. ST: Great asset to the City. I'm all on board with this. JB: You need to go to the Planning Board for the July meeting? GG: yes DB: Anything within the 25' buffer? EW: existing access road, nothing added at the 25' DB: where will the snow go? EW: will be stored on the property, snow will make the

parking area limited. LF: Beautiful place, nice & clean. Motion to issue an Order of Conditions with Special Conditions 1-5, 19, 21, & 25-27 DB, second RE, so voted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Friends of Boyden Educational Program Requests:

Saturday, June 24, 2023 11:00am-12:30 pm

Saturday, July 22, 2023 11:00am-12:00 pm

Motion to approve the Friends of Boyden Program Requests JB, second RE, so voted.

2. Bunk Pond:

ST: Neighbors are frustrated. A fence and signage should be put up and tables should be removed. In the winter there shouldn't be anyone there, no fishing then. Let's get the DPW involved to check about getting the fence mended on the highway side. LF: this area is impossible to patrol. MR please write letter to DPW to get them on board with the fence repair.

Motion to adjourn 8:30pm pending all signatures on paperwork DB, second JB, so voted.