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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
49 Whiting Street, North Attleboro, MA
May 24, 2022 6:30 PM

A. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Clayton Hutchinson
Linsie Dillon
Jillian Miller
Clifford Bassett
Patricia Wash

Members Absent:

Deb Cato
Steven Farquharson

Staff Present:

Shannon Palmer, Conservation Administrator
Sandra McCrory, Office Assistant

B. COMMISSION BUSINESS (6:32PM)

1. Request for Determination (RDA), Norton Road & Quinn Street, Department of Public Works, RDA #22-02. The request is to determine if the proposed work (sewer extension from Norton Road to Quinn Street through wooded area and adjacent to stormwater basin) is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Chair, Clay Hutchinson, read the legal notice into the record.

Mark Hollowell, Director of Public Works, explained the proposed project is an extension of an existing sewer line. This will allow the abandonment of a pumping station to a station where upgrades will be done with intent to bypass the private sewer line in Route 1. The Norton Road sewer pumps into the force main which is privately owned.

Steve Cabral, P.E., Crossman Engineering, further explained the project, and stated the pump station located at the end of Norton Road has been privately owned for many years and was not maintained, so if or when it fails the sewage could run directly into the detention basin. The basin is located at the beginning of an intermittent stream which flows down to the Honda Dealership

and into a culvert. Based on typography this made it possible to eliminate the pump station at the end of Norton Road and extend an eight-inch sewer pipe at a reasonable slope to tie into the sewer built by the Hotel on Quinn Street. The new hotel developer will tie into the sewer to the existing line which runs through the mobile home park to the north side of Quinn. This will benefit to the town by removing the dependances on an electric mechanic motor.

Shannon Palmer points out the basin was constructed before 1997 but never maintained as a storm water basin and now is a functioning wetland. She pointed out the basin may be considered jurisdictional with a potential connection to the nearby intermittent stream.

Clay Hutchinson asked when was the pump station was built and will it be removed in its entirety?

Mark Hollowell responded the pump station will be removed and the property returned to its natural state.

Clay Hutchinson asked about the easement access and if trees would need to be removed and will it be maintained. He also asked if it was possible for DPW use a wildflower pollinator seed mix.

Mark Hollowell has plans for the water and sewer easements and plan to maintain a path with woodchips from the private property and they can use a meadow seed area on the conservation property.

Motion to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability for Norton Road & Quinn Street, Department of Public Works, with conditions for pollinator habitat where feasible and dewatering plan to be approved by staff made by Linsie Dillon and seconded by Patricia Wash. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Request for Determination (RDA), 72 Magnolia Drive, Paul Bergeron, RDA #22-03. The proposal is to construct a 14' x 23' above ground pool within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The Chair, Clay Hutchinson, read the legal notice into the record.

Patty Wash recused herself from the discussion on this application.

Don Winsor, Risser Engineering, representing the owners, explained the proposed construction of an above ground pool within the buffer zone. There will be some grading as the land is not level in the backyard. It is lawn now and no trees will be removed. Filtermitt is proposed.

Clay Hutchinson questions the possibility of moving the pool towards the right and the second deck.

Paul Bergeron, owner, states that under the second deck is a walk out from the basement and a pool would block the access.

The Commission deliberated and determined relocation would not be warranted.

Motion to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicably for 72 Magnolia Drive, Paul Bergeron made by Linsie Dillon and seconded Jillian Miller. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Notice of Intent (NOI), 367 Cushman Road, Luccas Santos, SE 243-0965. The proposal is to construct an 18 x 36 ft. inground pool with surrounding patio within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The Chair, Clay Hutchinson, read the legal notice into the record. Certificates of mailing were presented to the Commission via email.

Luccas Santos, Blue Pool Inc., representing the owners explains the proposal to construct an inground pool with either concrete or pavers surrounding the pool. The area is all existing lawn and fenced.

Kevin O'Brien, 343 Cushman Road, questioned the impact the construction of the pool would have on the wetlands and water table. Mr. O'Brien is concerned for flooding on his property.

Clay Hutchinson explained in the construction of the pool should not have any impact on the wetlands or the water tables. In his experience if the water table has rise it may be due to the subdivision being set on a historic wetland before they were protected. Clay doesn't believe the pool will interact with the ground water.

Motion to close public hearing for 367 Cushman Road, Luccas Santos, SE 243-0965 made by Linsie Dillion and seconded Patricia Wash. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to issue Order of Conditions for 367 Cushman Road, Luccas Santos, SE 243-0965 with special conditions of replacing and updating the wetland in the existing locations made by Linsie Dillion and seconded by Patty Wash. Motion carried 5-0.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

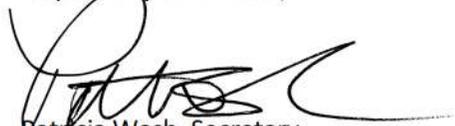
1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for May 10, 2022, made by Patricia Wash and seconded Linsie Dillion. Motion carried 5-0

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn public meeting at 7:27PM, made by Linsie Dillion and seconded by Patricia Wash. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Wash, Secretary