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Norwood Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Present: Catherine Walsh, Carly Rocklen, John Gear, Peter Bamber
Also Present: Holly Jones, Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent

The November 16, 2022 meeting was held remotely using GoToMeeting software and in person in Room 24 of Norwood Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair/Acting Chair, Catherine Walsh, at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearings:

1. 140 Morgan Drive Notice of Intent DEP No. 251-0539 N2022-16

Applicant: Home Market Foods Representative: Susanne Pisano of GeoInsight
Project Description: Addition of an industrial wastewater treatment tank and 2 building additions along with a wetland restoration area related to a previous hazardous material release clean-up

Ms. Jones said she had received a continuation request from the applicant.

Motion: Mr. Bamber made a motion to continue to the next meeting on December 7th at a time to be determined.

Mr. Gear seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.

Wetlands Issues and Updates:

1. Certificate of Compliance Request: 601 Pleasant St.

Ms. Jones stated that the CoC request was for a soil remediation project at the asphalt plant which was permitted in 2018. The majority of the work was completed in 2020. She said the final piece of it was to have a year of well water evaluation to confirm that there was no ongoing contamination and to seal off the wells. Ms. Jones said they had submitted their final reports to Mass. DEP.

Mr. Matthew Oliveira, the licensed site professional for TRC, gave a brief summary. He stated the work began in December of 2019 and was completed around February of 2020. He said they treated approximately 4K tons of soil around the site to render it non-hazardous; excavated and removed it for offsite disposal. He said in the early 1900's, the site was the largest ink manufacturer in the world. He noted that the ink contained a lot of heavy metals and waste disposal practices were not what they are today. He discussed the delay in between remediating the site and paving it due to the pandemic/mandated pause on paving. He said they installed groundwater monitoring wells in the area that was remediated and conducted a year of quarterly groundwater sampling to ensure the remediation was effective.

A closure report was submitted to DEP which included implementation of an activity and use limitation for the remediated area; north half of the site, starting at the warehouse building/rental business years ago and extending up to the area of the Neponset River. On 11/1 the wells were decommissioned and Mr. Oliveira said they were now requesting the CoC.

**Motion: Mr. Bamber made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.
Mr. Gear seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote.**

2. Traphole Brook Update: Update As-Built & construction monitoring report

Ms. Jones shared the As-Built from the dam removal and also the monitoring report from DER/Chris Hirsch, who was doing the monitoring which was required in the Order of Conditions inclusive of revegetation, regrowth monitoring, and taking pictures from particular stations. She said no action was required and that monitoring would continue for 2 years. Ms. Jones said Commissioners would receive an annual report with the next one due in the fall of 2023. She noted that the trees were under warranty, had struggled with the drought this past year, and said that she would follow up with checking on their condition.

Ms. Rocklen asked about aquatic organisms monitoring. Ms. Jones said DER will be checking the fish populations but there is no plan for macro invertebrate sampling but said that NepRWA would be interested in doing that with the Commission.

Conservation Commission Business:

1. 2023 meeting schedule

Ms. Jones reviewed the proposed meeting schedule, generally every month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30. Mr. Bamber said he would be out on Jan 4th and March 16th.

2. Endean Orchard Subcommittee update: no update

3. CPC report: no meeting/no report

4. Board Business:

a) CPC Application for Conservation Land Fund contribution

Ms. Jones said the application was for \$10,000 for the land acquisition fund. She said they received a letter of support from Wildlands Trust and were awaiting one from NepRWA.

5. Agent Update:

Ms. Jones: said she attended the pre-construction meeting at the airport regarding the sewer manhole replacements. It will begin around January of 2023.

She announced that they are opening responses for requests for quotes/qualifications (construction engineering) for the Bernie Cooper park tomorrow.

She said regarding the 115 Norwood Park violation that they installed erosion control and are working on an NOI.

6. Minutes: 10/5/2022 *(open portion of the meeting) -passed over

Adjournment.

Motion: Mr. Bamber made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Gear seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4-0 by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting: December 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hybrid, GoToMeeting and Rm. 24/Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Marchand