

Richmond Conservation Commission

1715 State Rd.

Richmond, MA 01254

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023

HELD REMOTELY AT 6:30 PM

UNDER THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

Meeting Opened: 6:30 PM

Roll Call - Members Present: Ernie Smith (EM), Tom Potter (TP), Ron Veillette (RV), Pat Seckler (PS) (arrived late), Adam Weinberg (AW) (arrived late), Karen O'Donnell (KO), Rebecca Lord (KL), Agent Kimberly Wetherell (KW)

1. Review and approval of the previous minutes.

Members reviewed 11.14.2023 Minutes. Minutes were approved with edits. KM/TP MSV

2. Request for Order of Conditions and Amendment. Property Owners: Kurzweil

Dep File #271-0227: 951 West Rd -Stango Pond - Shannon Boomsma from White Engineering and representative for the property owner updated the commission with the required letter describing the method for dewatering the pond. Discussion ensued about the plan and making every effort to keep the pump at the highest level possible and still be able to efficiently dewater the pond. Motion to accept the condition special conditions drafted at a 12.27.2022 special meeting and approve the Order of Conditions. KO/PS MSV.

Dep File #271-0217: 178 Perry's Peak Pond: Dominic Meringolo (DM) from Solitude briefed the CC the request to allow an additional two treatments to the pond. KO asked for confirmation that there will only be two applications. RV questioned if there has been a determination on how nutrients are entering the pond. (DM) stated several ways nutrients can enter the pond. Hand pulling will also be used along with herbicide. Motion to approve the amendment to allow the two additional treatments. ES/KO MSV

3. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) from Clifford Hanson, 65 Summit Rd, Map 405, Lot 046 for the replacement of Title 5 System.

John Dupras from Trinity briefed the CC on the project. Commissioner RV, an abutter recused himself. Two designs were presented. Both designs have been revised to address required set backs from well, intermittent stream and bank. RL questioned where the existing system is located. TP motions that a design will need to be approved by BOH and then return to the CC for approval. Continued to next meeting. TP/KO MSV

4. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) from Alex Haidar for 7 & 8 Walnut Rd, Map 249, Lots 007 & 008 for Buffer Zone Enhancements within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

Brad Holmes representing the property owner briefed the members of the proposed project and request. Several dead trees and invasives will be removed. ES questioned the number of trees to be removed and an accurate count is needed. ES questioned the disposal method of the debris. Trees will be chipped and left on site. Invasives will be hand pulled or cut and removed to off site, root stems to be treated with herbicide, RL questioned the purpose of the maintenance plan. RV would like to see better flagging of trees being removed.

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trees to be removed. Natural vegetation litter will not be removed. No saplings are being removed. Motion to approve N3 with special conditions. Motion for N3 with conditions. KO/RV MSV

6.Citizen Speak Time / Commission Speak Time / Press Speak Time

Diana Class of 32 Chestnut Rd an abutter to 7&8 Walnut Rd. has concerns about the project and requests that the CC be as tight as possible with conditions. Holly Stover questioned the need for removal of trees from 7 & 8 Walnut.

ES commented the need for associate members and would like to start having a discussion at future meetings.

7.Other discussions including items not reasonably anticipated prior to Agenda posting. N/A

Meeting Adjourned: RV/RL MSV 8:24 PM

Date Approved: 1.9.2024