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Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes

February 06, 2020

7:00 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 7:00 PM by Jill Senter
2. Roll call: Present: Tim Moore, Charles Blinn, John Blinn (Selectmen's Representative), Olaf Westphalen, Jill Senter
Excused:
3. Review/approval of minutes:
11/7/19 minutes: Motion to approve by Charles Blinn, second by Jill Senter. No further discussion; vote: 3-0-1. Olaf - abstain.

10/3/19 minutes: Motion to approve by Olaf Westphalen, second by Charles Blinn. No further discussion; vote: 4-0-0.
4. Old Business
 - Lew Shelly, SnowHawk. LLC – Trail Plan – Cancelled due to weather. Reschedule for 2/20/20.
 - Mark West – Prime Wetlands – Cancelled no projector. Reschedule ASAP.
5. New Business
 - Brian Haynes from SEC presented a plot plan for the existing lot at 21 Sequoia Lane with a single-family house and paved driveway. The lot owner would like to construct a 24 ft x 24 ft 2-car garage adjacent to the house; however, one corner of the garage intrudes two feet into the 25-foot No-cut, No disturb wetlands buffer. The area where the garage is to be built is already paved and already within the 50-foot wetlands buffer. The lot owner is looking for a Conservation Commission letter of support for the 2-foot intrusion to be sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Tim Moore made the motion to support the 2-foot intrusion and Charles Blinn made the second. There was no further discussion on the motion; vote 4-0-0.

- North Ave Subdivision. Tim Lavelle of Lavelle Associates presented a revised subdivision plan for a 14-lot single-family home subdivision. Robert Villella, the owner and developer of the subdivision was also present as was Bruce Gilday, the soils scientist who has done the soils work in the subdivision. The main subdivision road, Abbey Road, will intersect North Avenue and requires 840 square feet of wetlands to be filled in order to reasonably located the road. An open bottom culvert 4 feet wide and 1 foot deep will be used at the intersection to maintain the natural flow of water through the wetland area. It will also allow for a suitable passage for wildlife. This wetlands disturbance will require a NH Department of Environmental Services Dredge and Fill permit but can be handled locally with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Two large lots have wetlands that split the lots into moderate areas with frontage and somewhat larger areas to the rear. The areas with the frontage are not of sufficient size to meet the Low Density Residential square footage (110,000). The developer is proposing to locate the houses in the front areas and the wells and pump houses in the rear areas. The wetlands crossings would be filled with disturbances of 1927 and 1950.22 square feet respectively on the two lots. There will be maintenance roads on the filled areas that will allow for the drilling and maintaining of the wells and pump houses. The maintenance roads are to be 24-feet wide and as with the Abbey Road wetlands crossing, there will be 4-foot wide, open bottom culverts to maintain the functionality of the wetlands. Both would require an NHDES Dredge and Fill permit and a local CUP. A total of 4,717 square feet of wetlands disturbance is being proposed for the three wetlands crossings.

The applicant is asking for the Conservation Commission to write a letter of support for the project to the NHDES and a letter of support for the CUPs to the Planning Board. Olaf Westphalen made a motion to write the letters of support, Charles Blinn made the second. No further discussion; vote: 3-1-0. Jill Senter did not support the letters.

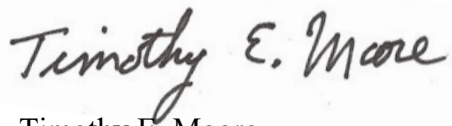
- Next meeting date – March 05, 2020
- Arbor Day: Jill will check on possibility of planting a tree at the new Public Works Facility. The poster and poetry theme will be decided at the March meeting.

6. Communications

- None

7. Meeting adjournment: At 8:40 PM by Jill Senter

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy E. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'T' and 'M'.

Timothy E. Moore
Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission