

Minutes of the Taunton Conservation Commission June 13, 2022

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

Presentation by Girl Scout Troop 86107 regarding project at Boyden. Alana Glass present with several Cadets from the East Taunton Troop. They are working on their Silver Award project and would like to post identifier signing of creatures, flora, and fauna. Each Cadet has picked three to research and signs will be prepared. DB: Nice to see young people get involved. MH: Thanks for your hard work and for selecting Boyden. ST: Please take a lot of pictures and come back to the Commission when done to make a presentation. AG: Would like to get the project completed this summer. MR: Should be waterproof signs and NOT attached to trees. ST: Appreciate what you are doing. If you have any issues get in touch with MR. Motion to approve project to start immediately DB, second JB, so voted.

Motion made to return to regular order of business MH, second DB, so voted.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022. DB, second MH, so voted.

Motion to continue the following:

- 1. 34 Railroad Ave., Malloch Group, COC, SE73-2798** -to close out Order of Conditions. Motion to continue to July 18, 2022 JB, second LF, so voted.
- 2. 147 Winthrop St., McClean, NOI, SE 73-2912-** Removal of concrete patio, rebuild porch, parking. Motion to continue to September 19, 2022 JB, second JR, so voted.
- 3. Lydia Lane (26-5), Freitas, NOI, SE73-XXXX** -construction of a SFH with utilities and associated grading. No DEP number received. Motion to continue to July 18,2022 JB, second MH, so voted.
- 4. 60 Crystal Lane, Taunton Land Co., COC, SE 73-2896**-to close out Order of Conditions. JB: This has been on the agenda for months. MR has been out to the site numerous times. States this COC should be denied and when ready they can refile at that time and repay the fee. LF: agrees this should be denied. MH: How much is the refile fee? MR: \$75 Motion to deny JB, second DB, so voted.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

1. Winthrop Street (76-117), Brian & Barry, LLC, COC, SE73-2443-to close out Order of Conditions – work not completed. Motion to approve COC as no work done JB, second DB, so voted.

PUBLIC MEETING:

1. 585 Burt Street, Hurley, RDA, DSE-1298-septic system repair. Will Connelly, Zenith Consulting Engineers present. WC: Plan 2 will be the plan of record. Pool to be filled in and will use erosion control but Client may want to keep the pool. They are undecided at this time. DB: Doesn't feel comfortable using two different plans and doesn't want to set a precedent so Plan 2 remains the plan of record and the pool is to be filled in. If the Client decides to keep the pool or make any changes they will need to refile with the Commission. (add as SC #24) Motion to issue a Negative Determination with Special Conditions 1-4, 14, 18, 19, & 24 JR, second JB, so voted.

2. 70 Blue Grass Circle, Gagne, RDA, DSE-1300-installation of a 10'x 20' in-ground pool. No one present. ST motion to put at end of the meeting.

3. 50 James H. Luther Drive, Bendell, RDA, DSE-1301-construction of a 23'x26' addition on an existing driveway by approximately 500 sf. Kyle Cormier, Oxbow Associates present. JB: is there a bedroom above the garage? May require septic upgrade. KC: Doesn't know the specifics. Motion to issue a Negative Determination with Special Conditions 1-5, 18, & 19 JB, second DB, so voted.

4. 101 Briggs Street, Ribeiro, RDA, DSE-1302 -installation of above ground pool Sandrine Riberio, owner, present. DB: A cartridge filter should be used and also will need to adhere to the City's water restrictions that are listed online. (Added as SC#24) Motion to issue a Negative Determination with Special Conditions 1, 2, 4, 18, 19, & 24 DB, second MH, so voted.

*****JB steps down.**

AMENDMENT:

1. 48 Shetland Road, Stockwell, AMEND OOC, SE73-2920 -construction of a 35'x22' garage to right of existing dwelling. Arthur Borden, Arthur Borden & Associates, Inc. present. AB: applicant is no longer building the 20'x 15' shed

originally requested, now building only the detached garage (added as SC #33). Motion to approve with Special Conditions 1-3, 5, 21, 25-27, & 33 DB, second LF so voted.

*****JB back in.**

2. 44 Dean Street, Amaral/Innovative Investments Corp., AMEND OOC, SE73-2932 -proposed construction of residential condominiums with ancillary parking and utilities. Amendment is to reduce disturbance within the Riverfront area. Julie Goodwin, Prime Engineering & Michael Amaral, Owner present. DB: Is DEP happier with the new plan? JG: yes less disturbance. Motion to approve Amendment with original Special Conditions. DB, second JB, so voted.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 175 S. Walker St., Andrade/175 S. Walker St. LLC, NOI, SE 73-2960 -construction of four mixed use buildings for residential townhouses & commercial office space. John DeSousa, Northcounty Group present. JD: Had to withdraw from Zoning Board, might possibly add another parcel, project needs to be reworked. Motion to revise, get new abutter's list (due to adding a new parcel) and continue until October 17, 2022 DB, second MH, so voted.

2. 43 Chandler Avenue, Rodrigues, NOI, SE 73-2965 -construction of a four unit multi-family building. John DeSousa, Northcounty Group present. LF: this is now going to be a triplex? JD: yes JD: In regards to the disturbance amount JD and DEP disagree. ST would like to continue and have JD provide documentation to Commission to support his claim. MR suggests that she and JD along with DEP get together to clarify. Motion to continue until July 18, 2022 DB, second JB, so voted.

3. Massasoit State Park (122-1), DCR, NOI, SE 73-2994 -invasive aquatic plant management in Big Bearhole Pond, Middle Pond, & Lake Rico. Kara Sliwoski, DCR, Keith Gazaille, Solitude Lake Management present. ST: How long is the plan? KG: 3 years. ST: Thinks this is a good plan. JR: When was the last one done? KS: around 2018. MH: What happens after 3 years? KS: will continue for the foreseeable future. Public Input: Craig DeMoura: who do you use for the

management plan? KG: us- Solitude. Motion to approve with Special Conditions 1, 2, 21, 25, 40 JB, second JR, so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Dean Street (56-62), Murphy, NOI, SE73-2993-construction of a duplex with parking, utilities and associated grading. Larry Silva, Silva Engineering present.

*****DB steps down.**

LS: Disturbance has been taken down to under 5,000 sf. Motion to approve with Special Conditions 1-7, 19, 21, 25-27 JB, second JR, so voted.

*****DB back in.**

2. Route 44 (Roadway), Mass DOT – Highway, NOI, SE73-XXXX-widen Route 44 & provide a 4 lane cross section to improve the connection between downtown Taunton & Route 24, provide public transit accommodations & enhance safety conditions. Motion to hear this pending receipt of DEP number and will not be issued until the number has been received JB, second LF, so voted. Susan McArthur, MA DOT, Laura Krause, BETA Group, John Osorio, Chris Stairs & Sam Campbell, GPI present. CS gave overview of the project. DB: will the lights be fixed at the intersection? CS: yes will all be redone. ST: Any land taking? CS: yes, it will vary parcel to parcel. ST: will you still be able to see the river? CS: there will be a concrete barrier but yes you will still see the river. LF: Are you going to widen the road so vehicles can turn right when coming from the high school. CS: yes there will be two full lanes. LF: when will you start and how long will this take? CS: Spring start and will take about 3-4 years. JB: Will there be consideration in regards to hours of operation due to the high school traffic. CS: yes LK: discussed the resource areas. SC: discussed storm water. ST: Would like to see the Harris Street Bridge blocked off completely or repaired to allow foot traffic. CS: this is out of their jurisdiction. ST: maybe you could refer it to whoever would handle this. Motion to approve (Note: no Special Conditions apply – exempt from TCC Ordinance & Bylaw) once the DEP number has been received JB, second JR, so voted.

3. Hodges Street (42-46), Hawthorne Development, Inc., NOI, SE73-2995- construction of 1200lf of subdivision roadway with associated drainage system & utilities to provide access to 14 residential house lots. Jeff Tallman, NE & C, John Garanito, Hawthorne Development present. JT: have been working with Natural Heritage in regards to the turtles. Discussion to add Special Condition #55: the recording at the Registry of Deeds of maintenance plan for protected species to be recorded with each deed. Motion to approve with Special Conditions 1-9, 11, 18-21, 25-27, 29, 35, 40, 51, & 55 JB, second DB, so voted.

4. Winthrop Street (76-117), Brian and Barry, LLC, NOI, SE73-2996-construction of three mixed use building and the associated parking. Jeff Tallman, NE & C, Barry Conway, Brian & Barry, LLC present. JT: This project was previously approved for a landscape yard but never commenced with the work. Natural Heritage (from the previous project) will still apply to this project. ST: Waiting for new deed restrictions from Natural Heritage? JT: No they are still valid from previous project. Will need to do a sweep to make sure there aren't any turtles in the area. DB: This will definitely be done before any work starts? JT: Yes DB: Please send a copy of the turtle protection plan ASAP to Conservation. (Add as Special Condition #45) DB: In regards to snow removal there is to be no chemical used. Motion to approve with Special Conditions 1-7, 25-27, 29, 42-45. JB, second DB, so voted.

PUBLIC MEETING:

1. 70 Blue Grass Circle, Gagne, RDA, DSE-1300 -installation of a 10'x20' inground pool. No one present. Motion to continue until July 18, 2022 either the owner or their representative must be present. JB, second DB, so voted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Approval of revised By-Laws ST: Thanks to the committee for all their work on the by-laws. Motion to continue until July 18, 2022 JB, second LF, so voted.

2. Mineral Street: LF: what is the status? JB: requests an update. Motion to approve for update JB, second JR, so voted.

3. Online Plans Discussion: JB: are we able to get plans online as done in other cities? Please refer to the Mayor, Legal Dept. & Kevin Scanlon, City Planner. MH

suggests maybe start the process with Kevin Scanlon first. Motion to approve referring to Kevin Scanlon first MH, second JB, so voted.

4. North Walker Street Discussion: ST: Still getting calls regarding the conservation easement. Would like to have it surveyed and referred to the City Engineer. Motion to have Engineering survey the land by the August 15, 2022 meeting. JR, second LF, so voted. JB votes present. Motion to have the City Engineer respond by July 18, 2022 LF, second JR, so voted.

5. Sabbatia Lake Discussion: ST: In approximately one week to ten days the chemicals will be going in. ST: Would like to take \$25,000 out of the wetland fee account once every five years starting July 1, 2022 to help defray the cost. Motion to refer this to the law department JB, second LF, so voted.

Motion to adjourn 8:47 pm DB, second MH, so voted.