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Minutes

Wednesday January 20, 2021 6 PM Zoom Meeting

1.0 Preliminaries

- 1.1 Open Meeting KH opened the meeting at 6:11
- 1.2 Roll Call JH(P) JD(n/p) JL(P) AL(P) DW(P) JE(P) KH(P)
- 1.3 Topics unanticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the hearing None
- 1.4 Chair's Report None
- 1.5 Agent's Report Comments during the meeting
- 1.6 Approve 1/6/21 Minutes
 - AL moves to approve and release. JL seconded
 - JH(Y) JD() JL(Y) AL(Y) DW(Y) JE(Y) KH(Y)
 - JD arrives at 6:16

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 6:05 PM Continuation of a Notice of Intent for Diane Silva/Iodice Family Trust/DEP # 308- 655

*Applicant: Ducharme and Roy for Diane Silva/Iodice Family Trust

*Location: 59 West Meadow Road

*Project: The proposed project is to restore historic wetlands and grades within the buffer zone to a 3/1 slope. Project located in ACEC and NHESP Estimated Rare Habitats. Filing under the Wetlands Project Act and the local bylaw.

KH opens the hearing at 6:13. Stan Dillis (SD) and Anne Rodgers (AR) present SD reworked the plan. The new plan shows the work limits that NHESP asked for. It would be an arduous task to identify every piece of trash. We have outlined where most of the trash is. The majority is in NHESP jurisdiction, not Conservation Commissions'. We are proposing to remove the pile of graded stone and restore some of the dangerous slopes. The Towns' earth removal regulations stipulate a 2/1 slope. The entrance from the road is being relocated- which is outside of Con Com jurisdiction. Fish and Wildlife and NHESP would like to leave the slopes and areas un-loamed. KH- I am not thrilled with the gravel removal. The scope of the work has changed, if the loam pile is staying, so should the gravel pile. The slopes need to be regraded. It would be a minimal impact that matts would not be needed. We haven't allowed earth removal in our jurisdiction. SD- it's kind of a gray area as to how the area is defined right now. JH- thinks that there is a lot of stuff out there that doesn't belong out there and should be removed. The loam pile is staying so should the stone pile. AL- it would be less impact. KH- the excavator would leave slightly deeper impressions in the wetland. Plants will be trampled, the roots are still there, everything will come back. DH

has special OOC proposed and sent to the Commission. There is one item that he will strike- page 4, part 2, # F- gravel removal. That will be stricken, if the Commission agrees. KH asks DH to read the "Specials". No fertilization is allowed in Resource Area. No pesticides or herbicides allowed in the Resource Area or within 100 ft. of the Resource Area. KH- what about the control of invasives? SD- it could say except for the control of invasives. DH-All contractors and subcontractors must be licensed for the type of work that they are hired to perform. This Order does not relieve the Applicant the necessity of complying with Local, State, or Federal Statutes, Ordinances, By-laws or Regulations. JH motions to approve DEP 308-655, striking the gravel removal, and to allow herbicides for the control of invasives. JL seconded.

JH(Y) JD(Abstain) JL(Y) AL(Y) DW(Y) JE(Y) KH(Y)

JH moves to close the Hearing. JL and AL seconded.

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3.0 Administration

3.1 Letter from Conservation Commission in support of Squannacook Rail Trail for Mass Trails Grant/

AL moves to send a letter. JH and JL seconded.

JH(Y) JD(Y) JL(Y) AL(Y) DW(Y) JE(Y) KH(Y)

3.2 Discuss and or vote under the Excessive Absence provision Section 7-10 of the Town's Charter to declare the position occupied by James Deroian vacant.

KH placed this back on to the Agenda because she felt that the Commission was not allowed input at the previous meeting. A discussion was had. JH JD-had personal issues combined with other personal issues. He is committed to the Commission and wants to be a part. If someone has been on the Commission for a long time and still has a love for it, and is still there, why deny them.. DW asked JD if he wanted to comment. JD-he has had issues, and still wants to be involved. DW- feels that JD has great value to the Commission.

3.3 Discuss trail maintenance options/Old Meeting House Park/Flash Vote/Doodle Poll

DH and JE were on a Zoom meeting about Grants that the Town could apply for. DH suggested a Doodle Pole to get the Community involved as to what they would like to see with our open space, Town owned land and, Conservation Restrictions. Land stewardship should be brought to the forefront. DH wants to put together a poll to see how our public spaces are being used from residents, town departments and the Commission.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Mass Trails Grant brochure

4.2 Planning Board/60 Warren Road/Cell Tower Site Plan Review and Renewal/Special Permit

5.0 Items for discussion at next meeting None

6.0 Advertisements and conferences None

7.0 Next meeting tentatively February 10, 2021, 6 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment

AL motions to adjourn at 7:05. DW and JL seconded.

JH(Y) JD(Y) JL(Y) AL(Y) DW(Y) JE(Y) KH(Y)

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