



MILLBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2020 | Time: 7:00 P.M. | via Zoom Meeting

Present: Ronald Stead, Anthony Cameron, Paul DiCicco,

Absent: Raymond Keddy

7:00 P.M. Chairman Stead opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Stead reviewed the minutes of November 4. Mr. Stead noted a minor edit that should be made. Mr. Cameron motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Stead asked for an update on the manhole repair at the Blackstone Shoppes. Mr. McCormack said he talked to Building Inspector who unsuccessfully tried to get in contact with the adjacent property owner. Mr. McCormack suggested that the Commission follow former Chairman Flynn's advice and advise the Shoppes to submit an RDA.

Mr. Stead mentioned a piece of correspondence from MACC regarding the Commission's annual membership dues. Mr. DiCicco made a motion to approve the cost of the membership dues for next year whenever the invoice comes in, seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor, motion approved.

7:05 P.M. **Brierly Pond Condominium Association
Request for Determination of Applicability
Horne Way – Repair work to existing retaining walls**

No one was present to represent the project. Mr. Cameron inquired whether the project was just on the capstone of the wall or the wall itself. Mr. McCormack relayed that the work was limited to just the capstone replacement. Mr. Stead said that due to the limited nature of the project that the Commission could vote on the project without the applicant present. The Commission do not identify any issues with the project. Mr. Cameron made a motion to issue a negative determination, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

7:10 P.M. **Alan Sigel
Request for Determination of Applicability
71 Auburn Road – Construction of new driveway and garage**

control. The lot is level so there will be minimal velocity for any runoff. Bob Murphy from Alpha Omega Engineering was also present to present the project. He highlighted how level the site is and erosion control will be used on the either side of the house, between any work and the lake. Mr. Cameron inquired about the dirt/fill that will be removed and Mr. Mondor noted that it will be removed from the property. Mr. Mondor noted they have spoken to their neighbors about this project and it has been approved by the ZBA. Mr. McCormack noted a DEP Number has not been created for this project yet. Mr. Stead noted they will have to continue the hearing until there is a DEP Number, concurred by Mr. Mondor and Mr. Murphy. Mr. Cameron made a motion to continue the hearing until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 8 Auburn Road, DEP File #224-0800

Mr. DiCicco noted that three Commission members visited the project site and the project look good. Mr. DiCicco made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor, motion approved.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 68 Riverlin Street, DEP File #224-0776

Mr. DiCicco visited the site, thought it was good and made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor, motion approved.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 139-141 Worcester-Providence Turnpike, DEP File #224-0813

Mr. Cameron made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Proposal by Casa Verde HOA to remove Open Space Walking Trail

Christopher Weagle, a Trustee for the Casa Verde HOA, opened the proposal by explaining that the proposal was brought to Board by its members and that the Board is not taking a position on the matter. He stated that the Board notified of several incidents of criminal activity reported by homeowners at the end of cul-de-sac at the end of Westview Ave. He also described the layout of the trail and noted that homeowners have reported trail walkers straying into their properties, as well as issues with the condition of the trees along properties and along the trail. He noted there was a coyote den along the trail that prevented maintenance along a portion of the trail. The Board conducted a survey within the HOA last year to see how many residents used the trail, which saw a majority of residents did not use the trail. Mr. Stead noted he walked the trail and found it to be a great resource for Casa Verde and the entire community. He noted about a third of the trail needs some work with downed branches, trash, and no trail markers. Mr. Weagle noted that is where the coyote activity occurred but the coyotes no longer appear present. The

Mr. McCormack mentioned that he is pursuing getting stamps for the Commission for the duration of COVID-restricted meetings. Item requiring signatures will be able to be stamped by Conservation Clerk instead of driving around and dropping off signatures for everyone. The Commission was supportive of this effort.

Mr. DiCicco made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Conor McCormack
Assistant Planner


Ronald Stead, Chair


Anthony Cameron

Raymond Keddy


Paul DiCicco