

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 28, 2018
Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

Members Present: Bob Cronin, Virginia Cookson (7:02), Chris Currier, Richard Luongo (Chairman), and George Tarr.

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum established.

Jim Hankin said Commissioners' packets contained the agenda. Commissioners had received information regarding the Canterbrook proposal via e-mail the previous week.

Public Hearing. Request for an Amendment to Order of Conditions, 354 Highland St. for a new water line.

George Tarr made motion to open the public hearing.

Chris Currier seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Charlie Wear (Meridian Associates) and Larry Smith (developer) were present to discuss the proposal. After the original Commission approval of the 23 unit project, the Hamilton DPW Director requested that a 50 plus year old, 6" water main be replaced with a new 6" water main. The new line would serve the development and then connect with the water main on Sharon Rd. The Request to Amend the Order of Condition is required because this project crosses an intermittent stream. Mr. Wear provided mitigation details for the temporary disturbance to the intermittent stream. Wetlands consultant Greg Hochmuth had written the narrative in support of the Request to Amend.

Charlie Wear indicated that temporary damming and pumping might be needed. The work will be scheduled for the dry season, when there is no flow in the intermittent stream, to avoid the damming and pumping if at all possible. Installing the pipe itself should take only an afternoon. Straw wattles are proposed for erosion control. The pipe needs 5' of cover so if groundwater might be found, and there might be a need to dewater the pipe trench. The wetland soil removed from resource areas will be stockpiled, and this material will be supplemented by a New England wetland plant seed mix for return to the stream bed and bank. Once vegetation is established the sedimentation control can be removed.

The existing water line is degraded and it would be a benefit to the Town and the future residents of Canterbrook to have it upgraded, according to Charlie Wear. All vegetation will be reestablished in both the buffer zone and resource area. The disturbance in resource area would

total 46 sf. Homeowners' Association documents will indicate that the responsibility for water line maintenance will be the Association's, according to Larry Smith.

Virginia Cookson wanted to ensure that the Amendment was properly before the Commission. Mr. Hankin noted that the abutters had been notified and the hearing had been advertised in time for this meeting. Ms. Cookson commented that since the excavation would be 7' down, it was likely that dewatering would be necessary. DPW personnel would be overseeing and inspecting the project throughout.

Jim Hankin said that the Amendment would incorporate the existing conditions and add any new conditions. New conditions include the new arrangement of erosion control and dewatering measures, which Mr. Hankin would inspect. The updated plan would be referenced in the Amended Order as well as reference to the supplemental material filed with the Request.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to close the public hearing for 354 Highland St request to Amend an Order of Conditions.

Seconded by Chris Currier.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP file # 172-0603 for 354 Highland St.

Chris Currier seconded

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Discussion

- **Vote on HWRSD and Audubon Environmental Education Proposal 2018-2019.**

Jim Hankin stated that the \$3,950 proposal had been presented at the last Commission meeting by the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District Curriculum Director. The funds will be taken from the Conservation Fund to provide the annual Commission's contribution to the program. This 2018-19 budget reflects an approximately \$210 increase from the previous year.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to accept the Audubon and Regional School District's educational proposal for the 2018 to 2019 school year amounting to \$3,950 with the stipulation that if cost overruns for the program appear likely the HWRSD could return to the Commission to request additional funding.

Chris Currier seconded.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Minutes November 14, 2018

Motion made by George Tarr to approve the minutes of November 14, 2018.

Seconded by Chris Currier.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Coordinator's Report

Jim Hankin said the last meeting of the year will be December 12, 2018. The Commission will review an RDA on a series of trees to be removed that were 50 to 60' from the wetland. A Certificate of Compliance is needed for a real estate closing and that will be on the agenda. The RDA will be on the Site Walk scheduled for Saturday December 8, 2018.

Mr. Hankin will soon distribute the draft 2019 schedule for Commission site walks and meetings.

George Tarr spoke about the Essex Country Open Space Conference to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 in Haverhill, MA. The Conference is hosted by Essex County Greenbelt.

Chris Currier asked if Jim Hankin could acquire a \$70 drone, which would send photos to a smart phone from 300' away. Mr. Hankin would check Town Hall protocol on this idea. Richard Luongo referred to the restricted airspace around Beverly Airport.

Mr. Currier also noted the Chronicle article written by George Tarr. Mr. Tarr's letter concerned the Conservancy District which was removed from the Zoning Bylaw at Fall Town Meeting.

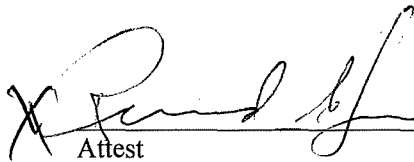
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by George Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:36 pm.

Prepared by:
Marcie Ricker

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Attest Date

