Committee:

Conservation Commission

Date:

November 21, 2019

Time:

7:00pm

Location:

3rd Floor Town Hall

Commissioners present:

Carl Shreder, Tom Howland, Rachel Bancroft, and Rebecca Chane

Staff members present:

Steve Przyjemski and Julie Cantara

The meeting was called to order at: 7:02 PM

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DISCUSSIONS

Road Kill on West Street

Discussed increased road kill on West Street. Dr. Robert Stevenson handed out data to the Commissioners that he compiled in September and October.

HEARINGS

51 West Main Street (DEP#161-0877; GCC 2019-05) NOI- (cont.)

Construction of a commercial building and seven townhouses.

Present: John Colantoni (Applicant)

Mike DeRosa (DeRosa Environmental)

Mike received a letter from Gillian last week, and he's since responded to her comments. The septic needs to be outside the 100ft buffer zone; they're behind building #5, which is outside the buffer (section 8.4 of the letter). Carl would like to review the stormwater, and asked if The Board of Health approved the project. They haven't submitted the final design to them yet. Steve recommends not approving until the Board of Health approves it. Rachel would like to see more mitigation, and the pond cleaner. Carl would like to see true restoration. Steve would like black and white plans (construction plan). Steve noted that Gillian's report didn't state that she was completely satisfied, and that the report has concerns for the Commission. Steve strongly recommends that it doesn't get approved until the stormwater is 100% complete. Steve noted that nothing in this project meets the regulations, and Carl noted that it won't without mitigation. John asked what they need to do for the next hearing, and the following list was given to them:

- Stone bounds
- Certify the vernal pool
- Add some trees
- Stormwater report
- Construction plan

Abutter Stu Krupnick of 55 West Main Street:

Wanted to know if there is in fact a vernal pool, does it need to be set back 100 feet? Steve responded that the certification would be done in the spring, after the project would be approved.

Tom: Makes a motion to continue the hearing to December 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Rachel: Seconds motion.

65 Central Street (DEP#161-0883; GCC 2019-11) NOI - (cont.)

Parking lot repair and re-grading.

Present:

Bill Dufresne of Merrimack Engineering

Bill found three OOC's, and two were recorded. They revised the plan and requested a COC (revision date on the plan is 8/5/2019). The project has already been approved by the Board of Health, and recorded.

Tom:

Makes a motion to approve the NOI.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rachel:

Makes a motion to close the hearing.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

59 Warren Street (DEP#161-0859; GCC 2018-04) NOI - (cont.)

Land clearing to restore original farmland and wetland properties.

The agent didn't hear from the applicant, and the applicant wasn't present.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to continue the hearing to February 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Tom:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

47 West Street (DEP# 161-0884; GCC 2019-12) ANRAD - (cont.)

Wetland delineation.

Present:

Michael Seekamp of Seekamp Environmental

Richard Morello (owner)

Michael gives an overview, and the final date on the plan is 8/13/2019. Steve recommends approving the project.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to approve the ANRAD.

Rachel:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rachel:

Makes a motion to close the hearing.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

Carleton Drive Map 15 Lot 46 (DEP# 161-0885; GCC 2019-13) ANRAD – (cont.)

Wetland delineation.

Present:

Rich Kirby of LEC Environmental

Jason Mello (Applicant)

Issues were resolved from the last meeting, with a final plan date of 9/18/19.

Abutters:

Richard Sojenski (spelling?)

John Duff of Spaulding Road

Both abutters asked questions related to the project.

Tom:

Makes a motion to approve the ANRAD.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to close the hearing.

Rachel:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

1 King Street (DEP# 161-0888; GCC 2019-17) - NOI (cont.)

Septic system replacement.

Present:

George from Atlantic Engineering

George gives an overview of the project. Steve visited the site and recommends approving the project. It has also been approved by the Board of Health.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to approve the NOI.

Rachel:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Tom:

Makes a motion to close the hearing.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

47 West Street (DEP# 161-0889) - State NOI - (cont.)

Construction of a 16-unit senior housing development.

Present: Michael Seekamp of Seekamp Environmental

Carl notes that this project was denied in 2017 under the State Act, and if it hasn't changed then there's a three-year waiting period to re-file. Michael stated that they made the changes that the Commission forced them to make. Steve stated that they need to see what the changes are, but at first glance they appear significant. Michael stated that the wetlands have changed, they reduced the amount of impervious surface by 2,647 square feet, and they moved two units out of the buffer zone. He states that he believes that the changes are significant. Carl asks the Commissioners to vote on whether or not it's a significant change, and Tom and Rebecca both agreed.

Tom:

Makes a motion to accept the revised plan as having significant changes.

Rachel:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Michael stated that it was reviewed by a 3rd party, denied, appealed, and they kicked it back. The major change affecting the project is the stormwater. Carl stated that they haven't had anyone look at the revised plan.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to hire a 3rd party review.

Tom:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Abutters:

John Star of 22 West Street

George Comiskey of 45 Old Jacobs Road Dr. Robert Stevenson of West Street

John asked Michael to show him on the plan where the 100 ft line was, and where the residences were in it.

George is concerned about the water shed. This will impact the wells and double the size of West Street traffic. The water quality has gone down and they've had two wells fail. There's still a dioxin level; people living there can't have a garden, as the site still isn't clean. The stormwater report was from 2016 when it was denied. Also, the new plot plan has a lack of detail, no test kits, no details on septic systems, and no legend key. George suggested that the Commission look at the old denial, and stated that he will be submitting a statement in writing. On the NOI, it doesn't mention the other owner, Jean Paquin. Also, the deed information is incorrect; it should be book 23033, page 503. The narrative of the NOI states 210 units, and Michael said that it must be a typo because it should be 21 units. George noted that if there are changes to the plan, a letter needs to go to NHESP. The Commission stated that they want them to re-file with NHESP. George also stated that anything changed from the original decision needs to go to the Zoning Board.

Rachel wants more info on amphibian kills. Dr. Robert Stevenson hands out information to the Commission regarding road kills from September to October.

Rebecca:

Makes a motion to continue the hearing to December 19, 2019 at 7:15PM.

Rachel:

Seconds motion.

BUSINESS

Rachel:

Makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 19, 2019.

Tom:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously and the minutes are approved and signed.

Rachel:

Makes a motion to pay bills as read by Steve.

Tom:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously and the bills are signed.

Tom:

Makes a motion to close the meeting.

Rebecca:

Seconds motion.

Motion carries unanimously and the meeting is closed at 9:18 PM.

Documents and other exhibits used at the meeting will be available for review at The Conservation Office.

Meeting was adjourned at:

9:18 PM

NEXT MEETING

Date: December 19, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Third Floor Meeting Room

Minutes approved by Committee on: 12/19/19 (Date)

Carl Shudn

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman:

(Signature)