

**Amesbury Conservation Commission
Monday- April 7, 2014
Amesbury City Hall Auditorium
62 Friend Street**

Meeting is called to order at 6:35 P.M.

PRESENT: Michael Bik, Kinsey Boehl, Steve Langlois(Chair), Alan Corey, Suzanne Egan.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: John Lopez (Agent), Paul Bibaud, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES: March 3, 2014: *Motion was made by Michael Bik to approve as presented, seconded by Suzanne Egan. All in favor.*

John Lopez explained the **OPEN MEETING LAW GUIDE** in everyone's packet, telling the commission to read it, then sign and date the last page and return the form to the OCED office.

Appointment to Coastal Trails Coalition: Suzanne Egan volunteered. *Kinsey Boehl made the motion to formally nominate Suzanne Egan, seconded by Alan Corey. All in favor.*

Conservation Commission Training – Amesbury (Merrill – Mass DEP) John Lopez explained that **Pam Merrill** from Mass DEP was here tonight, offering free training to new as well as sitting member of the commission, at an agreed upon time and date TBD. All agreed it would be a good thing.

There was an issue with the recording. Notes will be shorter and just the basic pertinent facts without narrative.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Violation Notice – 10 Strathmere Club (doughty) (NOI Below)

Commission tabled discussion for later, since this item is listed tonight on the Agenda under new business.

ORAD Appeal/Contract Approval:

157 Congress Street – Amesbury Conservation Commission)

Suzanne Egan recuses herself.

DEP did a site review.

Applicant appeals the site visit by DEP. Another site visit will be done. John Lopez and Jillian Davies, BSC peer reviewer for Conservation Commission on this matter. Pam Merrill from Mass DEP spoke briefly on this.

*Motion was made by Michael Bik to approve the proposal for contract with BSC. Motion was seconded by Kinsey Boehl. Vote was 4 yes and one abstained. **Approved.***

Negative Determination of Applicability – 22 Woodwell Circle (a.k.a. Nancy Drive Lot 10) (Michaud)

John Lopez summarized this item. **John Paulson**, Atlantic Engineering, representative for the applicant, also spoke.

Motion was made by Suzanne Egan to re-issue a decision, seconded by Michael Bik. All in favor.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

NOI #002-1092 42 Birchmeadow Road (Wojcicki)

John Paulson, Atlantic Engineering, representing the applicant, Mark Wojcicki, spoke. The existing house on the lot is unsafe and dilapidated. The plan is to level the existing house then rebuild a slightly larger house, with a deck porch. The representative said that they plan to decrease the amount of impervious by roughly 13 % on the site, install a drainage / infiltration system, etc. All of which would be better for the lake than what exists today.

Motion was made by Suzanne Egan that this item needs continuance due to lack of enough information and the need for other commissioners to conduct a site visit to better acquaint themselves with the site. This continuance will allow time for commissioners to visit the site. To date, only Steve Langlois and Michael Bik have conducted a site visit. They both would recommend this project proceed, however it would be best if the other commissioners saw the site for themselves. Seconded by Kinsey Boehl. All in favor.

Motion was made by Suzanne Egan to continue this matter to the May 5th meeting, seconded by Michael Bik. All in favor.

NOI #002-1088 12 Old Merrill Street (Toth) Continued to the June 2 meeting.

NOI #002-1087 – 19 Evans Place (Saba) Continued to the May 5 meeting.

RDA – 35 Water Street, 40 Water Street, 17 Chestnut Street, (Remediation of Amesbury Former MGP temporary construction access and staging area) (Boston Gas Company DBA National Grid). Continued to the June 2 meeting.

NOI #002-1079 39 Water Street, 33 Oakland Street, Amesbury (former MGP Phase IV Remedy Implementation) (Boston Gas Company DBA National Grid). Continued to the June 2 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RCoC - #002-1031 – 100 MACY STREET (McNamara)

John Lopez: Provided the commission with a summary of this agenda item. This has to do with a beaver problem that existed behind Carriagetown Marketplace. The situation was analyzed, a plan was formulated to mitigate the problem and to date, the problem appears to have been taken care of successfully.

Jeff Andrews, representative for Carriagetown Marketplace, attested to the fact that the problem seems to have been resolved. Regular monitoring over months have no varied and show successful mitigation of the beaver problem.

John Lopez recommends that a Certificate of Compliance should be issued.

Motion was made by Michael Bik to issue a Certificate of Compliance (CoC), seconded by Kinsey Boehl. All in favor.

NOI # 002-XXXX – 10 Strathmere Club Road (Doughty)

John Lopez: Provided a summary of this agenda item.

The applicants were present and spoke: Paul Doughty and Anita Ball, homeowner residents. They had inadvertently removed several trees. A discussion ensued as to what kind of mitigation is suggested, types of plants / trees, how many, etc. Anita ball said that Strathmere Club has a one for one rule. Remove a tree, replace it with another. The commission is more comfortable with a two for one remedy: remove a tree, replace it with two. The reasoning is because there is as much as a 50% loss history with fresh plantings. If 50% is lost, we still have one of the two trees surviving to replace the tree that was removed. The applicants seemed fine with that. A discussion then turned to what types of trees should be planted. There is an approved list to choose from. Some suggestions from the applicant's advisor were not acceptable to the commission, who prefer only native species be chosen to replace lost trees. Applicants were agreeable that all plantings must be native species.

John Lopez noted that since there is not yet a DEP number for this project, the commission cannot yet approve it.

NOI #002-XXXX – 116 Pleasant Valley Road (Mulch)

The architect would like to continue.

Motion was made by Michael Bik to continue this hearing until the May 5, 2014 meeting, seconded by Kinsey Boehl. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kinsey Boehl, seconded by Alan Corey. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.