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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 31, 2013

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Ed Schwarz, Vice Chairman, Tom Failla, Robert Turner, Chris Spaulding, Cathy Minter, Michael Zegers and Ted von Rosenvinge

Also Present: David Pattee, acting Conservation Planner

Meeting on digital recording dated 1/31/13

Mr. Schwarz opened the January 31st Special meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION CONT./DECISION: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND RESTORATION PLAN FOR REMOVAL OF FOOTBRIDGE, WALKWAYS & ELECTRICAL CONDUITS, COBB'S MILL INN, 12 OLD MILL ROAD (LANDTECH CONSULTANTS)

Pete Romano from LandTech came forward and presented the plan prepared by the Surveyor showing a cross-section of the bridge which indicates that the bridge is in the floodway, horizontally and vertically, which is the most critical part of the waterway, as it carries the 100 year storm. The bridge cannot remain in the floodway or the Town will jeopardize any of its flood insurance. Mr. Romano indicated that there were two abutments on either side and one in the middle of the river that were there for years. It appears there was a structure there at some point, but those have been raised with concrete to put the new bridge on. Mr. Romano discussed the FEMA's standards for bridge connection between the timbers and anchors in the abutments. He also noted that the 100 year flood elevation is 184 and the deck of the bridge is at 179. The Commissioners then took a moment to review Mr. Romano's report. Mr. Failla noted that the report suggests that the bridge remain so that the material on the other side of the river can be removed. Mr. Romano then stated that he believes that the stone dust on the pathways should stay as it makes for a good base but suggested that mulch be put over the stone dust. Mr. Schwarz commented that if they allow the pathways to stay it sets a bad precedent. Discussion on the removal of the trail material ensued.

Mr. Romano then described how the bridge would be taken apart which would take approximately 5 days. He stated that they haven't decided how to remove the pilings but that construction method can be given to Mr. Pattee for his review. He also estimated that all the work could be completed in 10 days. Discussion on a performance bond then ensued.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the remediation plan as outlined in January 21, 2013 and January 14, 2013 LandTech letters; Mr. Friedman's undated letter received by the Commission

on January 10, 2013 with attachments including LandTech's January 5, 2013 letter to David Pattee; Conservation Commission Notice of Violation dated December 18, 2102 and email from Tracy Kulikowski dated December 22, 2012 to Mr. Friedman and plans prepared by Land Tech dated January 31, 2013. LandTech will submit to the Conservation Planner a detailed construction sequence to be approved by him. Once the remediation plan is implemented, everything will be completed, removal of stone dust, electrical conduits and bridge, returned to original state by next meeting on February 21, 2013 and a performance bond in the sum of \$25,000 is to be posted with the Town by February 6, 2013. The wording of performance bond will be approved by Tracy Kulikowski and Mr. Friedman's representatives. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Failla made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Spaulding seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary