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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2008

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Cory Attra, Howard Aibel

Meeting on tapes dated 1/17/08

Chairman Attra opened the January 17th regular meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:45 p.m.

Chairman Attra noted that there was not a quorum present tonight, but both applications would be given a review by the members present and then the Conservation Planner would review the applications on an administrative basis.

MODIFICATION OF APPLICATION: HORNUNG: 37 RIVERBANK ROAD, BRIDGE DESIGN MODIFICATION

Dean Martin from Grumman Engineering came forward and explained that this was a modification of a previously approved crossing over the Saugatuck River. After the original plan was approved, they did further investigation regarding the structure and found that the beams were not sound and would not carry the weight of emergency vehicles. The structural engineer did some alternations and came up with a solution which would be to remove the beams, put a pre-cast bridge over the existing abutments with the addition of stone footings behind them. There would be new footings and masonry walls on the side and fill would bring the road up to the bridge. The result will be that the bridge is a little higher and there will be a bigger opening in the floodway. Mr. Martin noted that they would be disturbing an area in the wetland of approximately 1,184 sq. ft., and indicated that area on the plan.

Mr. Anderson noted that essentially, they will be floating the crane on top of the lawn area. He asked that the applicant have silt fences with hay bales and that the deck be asphalt. The existing bridge will remain but they will excavate behind it and pour better footings with the disturbance all on the back side.

Mr. Aibel asked whether they had heard any input from the DEP and Mr. Martin stated that they had received a letter saying that they were not going to get involved. Mr. Martin further noted that they would not be decreasing the flow of river during a flood so the DEP would not get involved.

Following some discussion, the structural engineer, Tim DeBartolomeo, noted that they had designed the bridge for H20, 40,000 pounds at the request of the fire department. The bridge is to be 54' from footing to footing, with the opening over the river being 48'. Following some discussion regarding soils and footings, Mr. Attra and Mr. Aibel both agreed that the matter should be handled administratively by the Conservation Planner.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: LINTELL, 4 KETTLE CREEK POND DREDGE (NAZZARO)

Gene Nazzaro came forward to discuss the application. He explained that it involved an existing pond and showed the plans to the members. He noted that the pond will go from 6" to no water at all, it is full of sediment and has never been dredged. The outlet flow has been compromised, and the rock has washed out over the years. Mr. Nazzaro then showed where the equipment access would be, and explained that they would de-water and discharge at the other side. He noted the erosion controls, stating that they would like to construct two 4 bays of an 18" high stone wall with a notch to trap the sediment. Mr. Anderson noted that this pond has gotten worse over the years. He then asked Mr. Nazzaro to describe the method of excavation. Mr. Nazzaro then described how they would excavate the pond and noted that Mark Harper had visited the site and would like to put a hydrant in, which could be easily accomplished. Mr. Nazzaro further noted that the excavated material will remain on site, and pointed out a large spoil area in the uplands portion of the property. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, the commissioners agreed that the application could be turned over to the Conservation Planner for administrative review.

DISCUSSION: JOHNSTONE 187 NEWTOWN TURNPIKE, POND DREDGE (NAZZARO)

Mr. Nazzaro came forward and presented the application. He indicated where the construction access would be, noting that the pond area is very small, 80' x 50', 600 total yards. Mr. Nazzaro also stated that everything that is removed will come off site. Discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Mr. Attra questioned when they would like to start work and Mr. Nazzaro stated that they would like to start in spring or early summer when the water level is low.

The members then decided that the matter could be turned over to the Conservation Planner for administrative review.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary