



Conservation Commission

June 16, 2015 – 6:30 PM – **Minutes**
Brooklawn Senior Center

Members Present

John R. Radcliffe, Chairman

Craig Dixon, Vice Chairman

Dennis Pacheco

Jacob Gonsalves

Members Absent

Paul Pacheco

Staff Present

Agent Sarah Porter

Sandy Douglas, Administrative Specialist

Chairman Radcliffe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Pacheco was present for meeting but then received a personal phone call and had to leave the meeting at approximately 6:40.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Draft Sassaquin Pond Watershed Ordinance

Chairman Radcliffe stated that he has done some thinking with regard to this Ordinance and suggested putting together an ad hoc pre-draft committee to include a couple members from this Commission, someone from City Council and someone from DPI namely David Fredette and someone from the Sassaquin Association. To meet for an hour or two to iron out the language that needs to be used in the Ordinance.

Commissioner Dixon suggested holding off on this until they act on the Stormwater Ordinance. Chairman Radcliffe feels that the Watershed Ordinance needs to move forward.

Commissioner Audette commented that the Stormwater Ordinance does not have anything specific to Sassaquin Pond. Commissioner Audette advised that there is a meeting scheduled for Monday with UMass.

Chairman Radcliffe advised that he will draft a letter to David Fredette at DPI, Councilor James Oliveira and Councilor Linda Morad to meet with Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Audette. The Commissioners agreed.

2. Update on 897 Barnum Street

Agent Porter advised that she conducted a site visit at 897 Barnum Street and the pool has been removed but the platform is still there. His wife advised Agent Porter that Mr. Rodriques intends on removing the platform but he had to work this weekend and is in the process of borrowing a bobcat from his boss to do the work.

Chairman Radcliffe suggested that Agent Porter send Mr. Rodriques a letter advising him that he will have to notify this Commission when the work will be done with the bobcat.

CONTINUED HEARINGS:

1. (SE49-0711) - (Continued from 12/2/14, 12/16/14, 1/6/15, 1/20/15, 2/3/15, 3/3/15, 3/17/15, 4/7/15, 4/21/15, 5/9/15, 5/19/15) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Ronald Labelle, Commissioner of Public Infrastructure for the City of New Bedford for property known as the Sawyer Street Outfall (Map 93, Lot 265). Applicant proposes to install a tide gate in the existing Combined Sewer Overflow which discharges into the Acushnet River. Representative is Danielle Gallant of CDM Smith. CONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE PER APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Agent Porter advised that Commissioner Ronald Labelle has requested that this Notice of Intent be withdrawn.

Commissioner Gonsalves made a motion to remove this Notice of Intent as per Commissioner's Labelle's request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dixon. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW HEARINGS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Agent Updates: 7 Portland Street, 1 King street, dune grass**

7 Portland Street

Agent Porter advised the Commission that the property owner at 7 Portland Street would like to build an extension of the deck in the coastal velocity zone. The owner of the property came by the office today and Agent Porter advised him that he would need to file an RDA along with stamped plans and was given all the paperwork and instructions necessary to do so. The owner was disappointed that it would cost him more money to obtain stamped plans and filing an RDA than building a deck.

Chairman Radcliffe and the Commission agreed with Agent Porter that an RDA is required.

1 King Street

Agent Porter advised that 1 King Street is a vacant building near Nash Road pond. The potential buyer for this property inquired as to whether or not he is allowed to remove the existing chain link fence and replace it with a new 10' chain link fence. He is in the outer buffer zone with the wetlands associated with Nash Road pond but is on the other side of the tracks from the wetland. Agent Porter advised that the fence is an exempt activity because he is in the outer buffer zone but he would have to remove all the invasive vegetation that is growing along the fence. Agent Porter inquired whether said potential buyer will need to file an RDA in order to remove the fence.

Chairman Radcliffe suggested that he file an RDA for the proposed work because he is doing activity in the buffer zone. The Commissioners agreed with said suggestion.

Dune Grass

Chairman Radcliffe advised that a site visit was conducted at both beaches. The first visit was at East Beach and there is normal migration of grass and a compromise was reached that the beach could be used and maintained and the dune grass be contained and not encroached into the beach area so people would not be

walking through the dune grass. So a snow fence will be installed to form a line in the sand and some of the sand will be cleared by hand.

With regard to West Beach, an agreement was reached that there are some areas that are being taken over by dune grass but it will not be removed because it is helping keep some of the sand in place. DPI will leave the large island of grass.

Agent Porter will send Ronald Labelle a copy of the Determination of Applicability from 2103 together with a copy of Mar Rapoza's memo.

Cardinal Place

Commissioner Dixon advised that he visited Cardinal Place and they have cured the problem and were able to get the deep pump in and it looks good. The grass is growing in the detention pond.

Agent Porter added that she met with Mr. Hugh Rowlett and Bob Canessa at the site when she went to check on the swale and advised Mr. Rowlett that he needs to get his drainage calculations in so that they can be approved by Scott Turner prior to him filing the Notice of Intent.

2. General Correspondence

None.

3. Meeting Minutes of 3/3/2015, 4/7/2015 and 5/5/2015 for approval.

There being no additions, corrections or a deletions of substance, a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015 was made by Commissioner Dixon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Audette. All in favor. Motion carries.

There being no additions, corrections or deletions of substance, a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2015 was made by Commissioner Dixon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Audette. All in favor. Motion carries.

There being no additions, corrections or deletions of substance, a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015 was made by Commissioner Dixon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Audette. All in favor. Motion carries.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dixon at approximately 7:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonsalves. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Douglas
Administrative Specialist