

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

JULY 10, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Rob Wofchuck, chair. In attendance were Jody Kaufman, Doug Cowie, and Emily Schmalzer, members; Reid Bunker, alternate; Mitch Wofchuck, observer; and Wayne Morrill, from Jones and Beach, engineering.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June meeting were presented and approved.

BUILDING PROPOSAL: About an hour before the meeting began, Rob, Emily, Reid, Doug and Mitch joined Wayne at 67 Route 27 to inspect a proposal to build a commercial building at the back of that lot. Wayne now presented the plan to the entire group. The construction involves impact on the wetland buffer: 2500 sq. ft. of pervious and 2500 of impervious pavement respectively. That includes parking availability for 9 vehicles. The access road, which is in place, will remain gravel and not be paved. A drainage pond will be dug to the north of the site (which direction is downstream into the Fresh River) to protect the watershed.

There were a couple of concerns beyond the fact that the wetland buffer impingement will require adjustment of the zoning regulations. Rob points out that the representatives of the fire station will probably object to the lack of access for fire trucks. The design does not currently allow for the trucks to drive around to the back of the building. Furthermore, if the trucks were to enter, they would not be able to turn around, and the driveway is narrow (10 feet) and has a 90 degree curve in the middle. Additionally Emily worried that the approval of the project might lead to uncontrolled further development of the spot where the building would stand and/or the access road.

Reid moved that we approve the plan with the stipulation that the road never be paved, that no fertilizer be applied at any time, that there be no expansion of the impacted space, and that there be no extension of the

parking area. Doug seconded that, and all agreed. Doug, who is a member of the ZBA, agreed to stand up for the limitations of the approval when the ZBA meets on this proposal.

STORM WATER PROJECT: Last fall, along a steep part of the bank of the Exeter River beside Rowell Road West, we planted a number of shrubs including willows and dogwood. This spring it appeared that many if not all of these shrubs were cut down. The bank clearly needs vegetation to stabilize it. Len Lord from the RCCD with a colleague, Vicky Stafford, purchased replacement plants, and Reid, Rob, Emily and Laurie Lousigian joined them on Tuesday, June 25th to put them in. RCCD paid \$300 for the plants. Len suggested that we split the costs. Our grants do not cover the \$150, so we will find that sum in our budget elsewhere.

ARM GRANT MONEYS: We receive \$10,000 (\$1,000/year for 10 years) as a part of the grant from the Aquatic Resource Mitigation fund for our storm water project for long term monitoring and reporting. Rob suggested that we set up a trust fund to hold this money, which can then be managed by the trustee of the trust funds. Rob moved that we go ahead with establishing this, and that we then withdraw the money as we are billed for the storm water monitoring expenditures. Doug seconded, and we all agreed.

EASEMENT MONITORING: Rob would like us to consider getting the Land Trust to do all of our easement monitoring; i.e., the ground as well as the alternate year aerial monitoring. He will go ahead to get a quote, and then we will see.

OPEN SPACE: Phil Auger is now part-time at the Southeast Land Trust. As part of evaluating whether we had uses for some wetland mitigation money from a project on Rt 125, he has approached various landowners in town. Pilgrim Church has apparently just received the quiet title to clear their deed to the parcel that was not properly registered, so we can move forward on their WRP grant. Brianna Dillon's memorial walk along the riverbank is absolutely gorgeous. The Dillons have done all the work and the expenditure too, and it is just right.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Emily Schmalzer