Town of Lenox Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes June 17, 2021 @ 7:30pm

Conservation Commission Members: Neal Carpenter (NC), Mark Smith (MS); David Lane (DL); Rose

Fitzgerald Casey (RFC); Dick Ferren (DF);

Absent with Notification: Joseph Strauch (JS); Vince Ammendola (VA)

Staff: Jes Cote (JC)

NC opened hearing at 7:30pm. The meeting was recorded.

1. Notice of Intent for 0 East Street (Map 45 Parcel 15-1 & 54) – continued from June 3, 2021

- Another site visit was completed on June 10, 2021 with Jackson Alberti from Foresight Land Services, DL, MS, DF and NC.
- Jackson shared updated plans with the Commission, specifically wetland crossing. Jackson noted the changes to the plan which includes reduced grading, reduction to 1650 feet disruption of BVW.
- 20-foot-long pressure treated timber bridge will be utilized for wetland crossing. No bank alteration.
- Proposed design to match existing grade as much as possible.
- Proposed erosion controls of silt fence backed by straw.
- NC asked about how much, if any, top soil will be moved? Jackson replied that some topsoil will be removed. The Commission then discussed with Jackson the replication area; how much soil may need to be removed as well as the option of keeping soil on property instead of removing from property.
- NC would like to have Jackson send plans to Mark Stinson for any feedback on the updated plans. The Commission agrees that these new plans are OK.
- DF moves to continue hearing until July 1, 2021 at 7:30pm. DL seconds. All in favor 5-0.

2. Notice of Intent - 70 Bramble Lane (Map 1 Parcel 48) - Continued from May 20, 2021

- Applicant requested a continuance to July 1, 2021.
- DF moves to continue hearing until July 1, 2021 at 7:30pm. MS seconds. All in favor 5-0.

3. Notice of Intent – Martha Lane (Map 18 Parcel 46, 47, 51, 52, 57, 58)

- Applicant requested a continuance to July 1, 2021.
- RFC moves to continue hearing until July 1, 2021 at 7:30pm. DF seconds. All in favor 5-0.

4. Sargent Brook Road

- Mike Kulig from Berkshire Engineering presented a restoration plan based on the enforcement order that was submitted to the applicant in April from the Commission. Trees were cut and top soil was brough in to the property - Mike showed that on the plan supplied to the Commission. There was also a pile of sand dumped down near Laurel Lake on the property.
- Mike noted that there is vegetation under topsoil that is popping through.
- The restoration will be multi-step. Mike would like to see what is left for vegetation underneath topsoil once it is removed.
- Mike stated that Helia Land Design may be the vendor for wetland restoration.

- RFC moves to accept plan presented for removal of soil and sand by the 10th of July with conditions listed below. A final planting plan will be presented after inventory is taken of vegetation underneath. DF seconds. All in favor 5-0 final planting
 - Remove all recently important materials (topsoil and sand) down to the organic material without disturbing organic material.
 - o All work must be completed by July 10, 2021.
 - o After work completed, discuss with Commission the planting plan at available meeting.
 - Coordinate with NHESP

5. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2021

• DL moves to accept June 3rd minutes as amended. RFC seconds. All in favor 5-0.

RFC moved to close the meeting. DF seconds. All in favor 5-0. Meeting closed at 8:19 pm.