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Conservation Commission

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Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

October 10, 2024

Town Hall 2nd Floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Lionel Cloutier, Melissa Blanchard, Mike Kearns, Glenn LaRochelle
Matthew Marro- Conservation Agent

ABSENT: Chair- David Whitaker

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM- Vice-Chair Lionel Cloutier called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matt Marro stated he issued an emergency certification for the company Integrated Wildlife Control, a subcontractor of DCR. Over on Elm St., off of DCR property, there is a fresh beaver dam blocking the culvert. The Board of Health issued a 10 day emergency beaver removal permit to install a beaver deceiver.. He is requesting the Commission to ratify the emergency permit.

Melissa Blanchard motioned to approve the ratification of the emergency permit, 2nd by Glenn LaRochelle.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

HEARINGS:

Notice of Intent (NOI) **Continued from 4/11/24, DEP # 345-0792**

Applicant: Steven Powell Assessor's Map 9 Parcel 93&99

- Project address: Teel Road Map 9, Parcel 93&99
- Description: The proposed work includes clearing and grading for the purposes of an earth removal operation in addition, an existing damaged culvert will be replaced with a proposed bridge within the 100 buffer zone.

Melissa Blanchard motioned to continue the hearing to the next meeting on November 14th, 2nd by Mike Kearns

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) Kearns (Y) LaRochelle (Y) 4-0

Notice of Intent (NOI) **NO DEP#**

Applicant: McCartney Engineering, Inc.

Assessor's Map 1 Parcel 237

- Project address: 703 School Street

- Description: The proposed work includes conversion of an existing structure on the property into a retail processing marijuana facility within the 100 foot buffer zone.

Melissa Blanchard motioned to continue the hearing to the next meeting on November 14th, 2nd by Glenn LaRochelle

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) Kearns (Y) LaRochelle (Y) 4-0

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Continued from 8/8/24

Applicant: Robert Matewsky

Assessor's Map M6 Parcel 25

- Project address: 16 Second Street

- Description: The proposed work includes restoring the beach with sand, addition of a 12 inch high border located 12-15 feet off shoreline within the 50' foot buffer zone.

Matt Marro recommended a negative determination with the condition that he cannot expand the beach past its existing limits.

Glenn LaRochelle motioned for a negative #3 determination with the condition, 2nd by Melissa Blanchard

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) Kearns (Y) LaRochelle (Y) 4-0

Notice of Intent (NOI)

DEP#345-0796

Applicant: Matson Homes

Assessor's Map 5A4 Parcel 18

- Project address: 71 Woodlawn Street

- Description: The proposed work includes construction of a duplex dwelling within the 100 foot buffer zone.

Melissa Blanchard read the public hearing notice. The hearing was opened. Mark Popham was present. There was a property on the site that was torn down years ago. Their intent is to have all activity occur within the previously disturbed area.

Glenn LaRochelle motioned for a standard order of conditions, 2nd by Melissa Blanchard.

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) Kearns (Y) LaRochelle (Y) 4-0

MINUTES: 8/15/24

The approval of the 8/15/24 minutes would be postponed to the next meeting.

UPDATES/NEW BUSINESS: Matt Marro reminded the Commission they have an appeal on the denial of order of conditions for the 2nd Murdock Ave Solar Battery site. It will be on October 23rd at 10:30AM on site. Kimberly Roth, EP agent, will be out reviewing the property. She was assigned the case as she is their resident solar battery expert.

48 hour DEP issuance deadline

Glenn LaRochelle approved for Matt Marro to draft a letter for applicants stating if they do not receive a DEP # within 48 hours of the meeting date, they will automatically be continued to the next meeting, 2nd by Melissa Blanchard.

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ADJOURN: 6:14PM

Melissa Blanchard motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Glenn LaRochelle

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Respectfully submitted,

Bianna Lindahl

Bianna Lindahl, Conservation Commission Recording Secretary

David Whitaker, Chair

Lionel Cloutier

Lionel Cloutier, Vice-Chair

Melissa Blanchard

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