MINUTES OF April 25, 2019
Approved May 9, 2019

Members Present: Chair L. Cohen, E. LoTurco, J. Ramsdell, G. Lima,

Members Absent: Vice-Chair W. Boivin, J. O’Riorden, I. Deb

Also Present: Conservation Administrator J. Keeley, Assistant Conservation Administrator E. Coleman

1. Call to Order
L. Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Conservation Commission welcomed John Ramsdell to the commission.

2. Citizens’ Time
No one spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2019

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. RAMSDELL AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

4. Discussion – Culvert repair – 85 Middlesex Turnpike (former Sears Tire, Battery & Auto) – DEP #122-607
Engineer Jocelyn Mayer of VHB represented the application.

Ms. Mayer explained a culvert collapsed, and the applicant is requesting to replace it with a 60-foot piece of pipe. Erosion control mats will be used to stabilize the area.

J. Keeley explained the limit of work must be expanded for these repairs. The commission could:
• Approve this as a minor engineering change
• Amend the previous approval
• File a new notice of intent
Staff recommended the Conservation Commission approve these repairs as a minor engineering change.

Conservation Commission discussed:
• No work will be done in the wetlands
• Machinery will be in the 20-foot no-disturb and the 50-foot no-build buffers

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

A MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS REQUEST AS A PROPER SUBMISSION OF A MINOR ENGINEERING CHANGE AND APPROVE THE MINOR ENGINEERING CHANGE FOR THE PROPOSED WORK AT 85 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. RAMSDELL AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

5a. Request for Determination of Applicability – 15 Marjorie Road – Corrine Donato –
Install in-ground pool
Homeowner Corrine Donato and the manager of Surfside Pool represented the application.

Ms. Donato explained her request to install an in-ground pool behind her garage.

J. Keeley commented it is difficult to know where the wetlands are on site, which makes it difficult to determine how far away the pool would be from the wetlands. He recommended flagging the wetlands.

Conservation Commission discussed the applicant’s rear neighbor on Irene Street is pushing dirt into the wetlands, and requested the applicant hire a wetlands scientist to flag the wetlands.

No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

This matter was continued to the May 9, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting.

DEP #122-573
Developer Israel Lopez of the Gutierrez Company and engineer William Park of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates represented the application.

Mr. Lopez explained he consulted with a landscape engineer who provided a report. He noted some trees did not live, and they will be replaced. There is significant improvement along the bank.

J. Keeley commented the parking lot is completed, but there are issues with the landscaping. Besides the plantings that did not survive, near the footbridge by the water too much vegetation was cut, and there is too much mulch. J. Keeley suggested issuing the certificate of compliance and holding a portion of the bond.

Mr. Lopez agreed to provide some edging to prevent the mulch from going too close the water, and requested the staff come to the site to delineate that line.
No one in the audience spoke on this matter.

A MOTION TO ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR PROJECT AT 1 & 10 WALL STREET, DEP #122-573, WAS MADE BY J. RAMSDELL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY G. LIMA AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

A MOTION TO RELEASE A PARTIAL AMOUNT OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND, $8,000 OF $10,000, FOR THE PROJECT AT 1 & 10 WALL STREET, DEP #122-573, WAS MADE BY G. LIMA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY J. RAMSDELL AND APPROVED (4-0-0).


No testimony was taken on this matter.

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9. Administration
   a. Planning Board comments: None
   b. Subcommittee & Staff Reports:

   Community Preservation Act

L. Cohen noted that information about the CPA will be presented at the September Town Meeting. Then in 2020, Town Meeting will vote on this matter, and it will also go on the ballot. A citizens’ committee is now forming who will advocate for the passing of the CPA. The committee’s Chairman is Jonathan Sachs, 12 Oxbow Lane and the Vice Chairman is Monte Pearson, 5 Willow Way. So far the committee has 12 members.

   DPW & Recreation Department Facility – former Clark and Reid site/Great Meadow Rd

Director of DPW John Sanchez is putting a subcommittee together comprised of Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Board of Health members to discuss these sites. It will be held on Tuesday May 7 at 11am. J. Keeley will send an email to members with the details.

   Low Impact Developments (LID)

Board of Health and Conservation Commission has different ways of approaching storm water features on sites. A representative from DEP will speak with both groups regarding the MS4.
c. Upcoming meetings: May 9, 2019 & May 23, 2019

d. Other Business: None

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 25, 2019 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING WAS MADE BY G. LIMA AT 7:50 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY E. LOTURCO AND APPROVED (4-0-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Noelle Judd, Recording Clerk