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MEETING MINUTES

Waterford Conservation Commission — September 8, 2016
Waterford Town Hall — 7:00 PM

Members Present:	Henry Curtis, Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle and Jeff Sims
Members Absent:	Harold Hansen, Dave Lersch, John McSweeney (notified absences)
Alternates Present:	Wade Thomas
Alternates Absent:	Joshua Steele Kelly (notified absence),1 vacancy
Staff Present:	Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chair J. Sims called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. W. Thomas was seated for D. Lersch.

2. APPROVAL OF THE August 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, seconded by H. Curtis, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting as written.

Vote: 4-0- 1 W. Thomas, abstaining, not present at meeting.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-16-9 77 Foster Road – Proposed Excavation Operation – READCO, LLC – Applicant, Charles Secor – Owner, Theodore Harris – Agent(Action Date October 28, 2016, Last Meeting Date October 20, 2016)

Attorney Ted Harris and Michelle Carlson, PE. of BL Companies were present for the applicant.

Attorney Harris explained that a permit application has been submitted to Planning & Zoning and at the time the applicant did not believe a wetland permit was necessary. The Conservation Commission found that a permit was required and a revised plan set was submitted to the Conservation Commission at the previous meeting which was accepted as an application for regulated activity. He stated the application is for activity in conjunction with an approved development on the adjacent property. Revised plans are being presented tonight to address concerns expressed by the Conservation Commission along with a report from the biologist. Attorney Harris read from the report a statement by the biologist that the impacts are expected to be negligible. He referred to recent court rulings that there has to be a likely impact to wetlands and watercourses and noted that the information submitted with the application states there will not be. He requested the Commission consider taking action at this meeting.

M. Carlson, PE noted that the project area has been reduced from 4.2 to 3.2 acres with the amount of material to be removed estimated at 20,000 cubic yards. The limits of clearing are no closer than 200 feet from the wetlands with the exception of the access along Foster Road. A soil scientist checked for wetlands in the area of Foster Road and refined the wetland boundary which has been added to the revised plan. M. Carlson noted that there are no wetland soils under

the roadbed. The wetland boundary mapped for the property on the other side of Clam Lane has been added to the plan. Soil boring data has also been submitted.

M. Carlson described phasing for the project. Silt fencing and sediment basins will be installed. A natural depression on the site along Clam Lane will be left vegetated to provide a natural detention area for site runoff. The plan is to restore areas as the work proceeds from the north to the south. A minimum of 12 inches of material will be left above ledge areas and a 6 inch layer of topsoil spread back over the area and seeded.

M. Carlson reviewed a cross section of the proposed grading, showing that the proposed grading will mimic the existing grades and drainage patterns.

Commissioners questioned the anticipated time frame for the activity. M. Carlson estimated that the work will begin in October with soil removal occurring through December and final site stabilization likely completed the following spring season.

Mario DiLoreto, READCO, LLC, said he expects the extraction and removal to take 4-5 weeks and the medical office project to be completed in July. He noted that the ability to extract the needed fill material from the proposed site provides significant cost and time savings. M. DiLoreto stated that there will not be blasting or processing conducted on the site. They only plan to screen large boulders out. M. Carlson noted stumps will not be buried on the site and larger boulders will be worked back into the landscape as part of the restoration.

Staff asked if the applicant has approval to conduct the proposed modification of the access road. Attorney Harris responded that they assume they have the right to pass and re-pass.

J. Sims raised concern with the disturbance to the slopes at the northwest end of the project area and the potential for sediment impacts to a tributary stream to Stony Brook that occurs at the northwest corner of the property. He asked if the limits of disturbance could be reduced to avoid the northwest slope and expressed concern that the site will be open to erosion all winter.

M. Carlson replied that reducing the limits at the northwest end requires expanding the limits elsewhere to make up for the required material. She stated there are two sediment basins proposed on the western portion of the site and in her professional opinion they are sized appropriately to handle sediment. She noted the perimeter will have silt fence and erosion control blankets that will stabilize the soil.

W. Thomas suggested using a wood chip berm to provide additional sediment control at the perimeter.

Staff requested the plan indicate what areas are proposed to receive erosion control blankets, the location for a wood chip berm and show the limits of clearing and sediment control measures along the Foster Road access to the development site.

Use of a third party erosion and sediment control inspector to inspect the project, provide reports and recommend installation and or maintenance of control measures was discussed as a measure to insure the site is stable and down gradient wetlands protected.

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, seconded by H. Curtis, to prepare a draft permit with conditions for C-16-9.
Vote: 5- 0

C-16-7 54 Shore Road: Proposed Spillway Swale; Jerry Gorman – Applicant & Owner, Gerwick Mereen, LLC - Agent. (Public Hearing Scheduled September 22, 2016)

Staff reminded commissioners that wish to review the site to coordinate with staff. The public hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2016.

4. NEW APPLICATION
No new applications were received.

5. OTHER BUSINESS
Staff reviewed photos with the Commission of a drainage pipe at Stenger Farm that requires repair. The Commission concurred that the activity requires a permit application.

6. VIOLATIONS
No discussion.

7. CONSERVATION COMMISSION TASKS
Staff noted that the Foster Road excavation application under review by the Planning & Zoning Commission will be placed on the next meeting agenda for review and discussion by the Conservation Commission separate from the inland wetland and watercourses regulatory review.

8. CORRESPONDENCE
No correspondence was received.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, seconded by H. Curtis to pay the bill to The Day for $77.50.
Vote: 5- 0

10. ADJOURNMENT
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Kotfer

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Recording Secretary