

virtual (GoTo). The meeting began at 7:00 PM.

Present: Bob Elliott, Chairman; Tim Dinsmore, Kris Masterson, Rob Rand, Pat Swain Rice, Pete Steeves

Absent: Emily Boeing

#### 4/19/2022 - Minutes

##### 1. Public Hearings, Public Meetings & Appointments

- A. 7:05 PM - Continuation Of Public Hearing Re: The Commission Will Consider A Notice Of Intent Filed By Blood Team Realty Group To Improve The Parking Lot Within The 100 Ft. Buffer Zone And 200 Ft. Riverfront At 129 Main St.

Chris Stoddard represented Blood Team Realty Group. Based on feedback from the April 5 meeting, the initial plans were revised to remove the infiltration basin. Under the MA Stormwater Standards, infiltration basins should not be used within 50' of a surface water of the commonwealth or where slopes are greater than 15% (slopes are 30%). The proposed plan adds 750 square feet of native plantings and reduces total impervious area on the site by 5%. There is a proposal to extend the berm and grasses along the river. The project is proposing to raise the driveway apron during paving to keep municipal water off the lot. Silt fence and hay bales would remain in the same locations as previously shown and there would be no removal of any trees on the property. Rand supports the raised apron. Elliott stated he believes the runoff will still flow towards the new plantings. Stoddard said the road water will stay within the road layout with a 6" rise. The water will continue onto Canal Street towards the river. Elliott prefers having a break in the parking lot where the fence is located. There is a berm under the fence that divides the parking lot. Elliott said he would prefer a berm or swale and the fence to treat the upper area of the parking lot and then use the proposed planting at the south end of the lot for additional treatment. He would find that more favorable. He wants the sheet flow to be slowed. Michael Blood was concerned the berm or swale would become a tripping hazard in the parking lot or it would move foot traffic onto Canal Street. Elliott said they should be able to stay within the parking lot. Blood said there is less than 8' from the edge of the fence to the road. Blood would like the swale removed. Elliott pointed out the original berm under the fence was treating the upper portion of the parking lot and he felt it was important that it remain. It could be replaced with a swale. Dinsmore asked if the fence was necessary. Elliott said the fence protects the berm or swale. Elliott suggested removing a section of the fence. Dinsmore said that would allow people to pass through. Elliott agreed with that. Blood asked if the swale could be stone without the fence. Blood said there is currently three sections of the fence blown out due to wind off the river. Could he put a paved walkway through the swale? Blood was concerned with the depth of the swale because of the Verizon phone lines under the parking lot. He was instructed to put in a foot of crushed stone. Stoddard will line the trench with filter fabric. Elliott said geotextile or something similar would work. They will remove the fence and pave a walkway across the middle or end and then pave the remainder. Terrasi said the berm would be placed along the river as shown on the proposed plan. Stoddard said the conditions would include details of the swale with the fence removed. Rice asked about the grass at the south end. Rice wanted assurance this would not be a lawn. Stoddard said it would be potted grasses with bark mulch between, not grass to be mowed. Rice wants it clearly stated in the plan that this is not a lawn for the purpose of infiltration. Rand asked if there was a berm from the fence to the building. Stoddard said yes, that berm is still present and they will connect to that berm. There

should be a phasing plan with the berms and plantings completed before the paving. Stoddard said that could be a condition. The parking area pavement to the south would have to be removed before the berm is constructed. Steeves said he was fine with the way the developments were moving forward. Masterson deferred to Elliott for the stormwater. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, the project is approved based on a plan to be submitted to include swale detail and sequence of operation, all

**VOTED:** to issue an Order of Conditions.

- B. 7:10 PM - Continuation Of Public Hearing Re: The Commission Will Consider A Notice Of Intent Filed By Joshua Eberiel To Remove A Retaining Wall, Steps And Canopy Shed, To Construct An Addition, Deck, Bulkhead, (3) Sheds And Associated Utilities Within The 100 Ft. Buffer Zone And 200 Ft. Riverfront Area Of Sucker Brook At 27 Jewett Street

Maureen Herald with Norse Environmental had a public hearing conflict and requested the plans submitted on April 12, which address the Commission's comments from the April 5, meeting be considered. Elliott and Terrasi had spoken and the updated plan (revision date April 11, 2022) reviewed. The comments and plan from Norse Environmental Services reflect the requested changes. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

**VOTED:** to issue an Order of Conditions.

2. Review Of Draft Minutes

- A. Minutes Of April 5, 2022

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

**VOTED:** to approve the draft Minutes of April 5, 2022, as drafted.

3. For Signature: Schedule Of Bills Payable

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

**VOTED:** to pay the Bills Payable of \$113.52 to Nashoba Valley Publishing for payment of the legal ad for the Keyes Parker restoration project at the "dog patch".

4. Conservation Administrator's Report

- A. Annual Town Meeting - Monday, May 9 And Possibly May 10

Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9 at 7 PM and due to the number of warrant articles, may extend into Tuesday, May 10.

- B. B Is For Birds - Breakfast With The Birds (Heald Orchard) - Sunday, April 15, 2022 6:30 AM (Rain Date April 22) And Brunch With The Birds (Lawrence Library) - Sunday, April 15, 2022 10:30 - 12:30

Terrasi said this year's Breakfast with the Birds will once again be held at the Heald Street Orchard beginning at 6:30 am. The event begins with visitors meeting at the East Gate parking lot, where they have an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee and light breakfast foods. At 10:30 am, the Lawrence Library will open their doors to visitors to view the Shattuck Bird Collection and enjoy a light brunch. These events are hosted by the Conservation Commission, Lawrence Library, Nashoba Conservation Trust, and the Invasive and Native Plant Advisory Committee.

- C. Earth Day Activities - Lawrence Library And Keyes Parker Conservation Area, Saturday, April 23, 2022 (See Website For Additional Details)

There will be various Earth Day activities offered at the Lawrence Library on Saturday, April 23 as well as work scheduled at the Keyes Parker Conservation Area to remove the fence around the "dog patch". The fence around the dog patch is covered with invasive plants that the Invasive and Native Plant Advisory Committee has been working to remove. There is still more work to be done.

D. Town Election - Monday, April 25, 2022 7 AM - 8 PM, Nissitissit Middle School

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for next Monday, April 25. The Town Election is a ballot vote for Select Board and other elected town committees/boards. Terrasi said the Annual Town Election will include a vote for the Community Preservation Act (CPA).

5. Other Business

None

6. Master Plan Implementation Update

None

7. Matters That May Be Raised That The Chairman Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

Masterson reminded everyone that Candidate's Night is scheduled for April 21.

There are no public hearings on May 3, 2022. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Terrasi/Conservation Administrator