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TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

October 18, 2017

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Hannon, Isner, Simpson, Alternate Commissioner Wolf and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

Alternate Commissioner Wolf was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Amato.

NEW BUSINESS

AJ&S II Associates, LLC – 1 & 3 Farmglen Blvd.

Chair Hinze recused himself from this matter and appointed Vice-Chair Isner Acting Chair for this application.

Regulated activity within upland review area for construction of additional parking spaces at 1 & 3 Farmglen Blvd. David Whitney, P.E., presented the project briefly reviewing past expansions of the parking area. The current application proposes to add approximately 3,755 sq. ft. of additional parking within the upland review area. The overall site coverage will increase from 34.6% to 37.7% if the proposed parking expansions receive all the necessary approvals. Mr. Whitney explained existing drainage systems in place. Plan notes state the wetlands soil on site was delineated in 1984 by Michael Klein and in 2005 by Edward Pawlak. There was some discussion about proposed tree cutting, general landscaping and the need for more parking. Mr. Whitney will provide a narrative of the need for more parking to the Commission. A landscape plan is being prepared and will be provided prior to the next meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hannon/Simpson) it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the application from AJ&S II Associates, LLC for regulated activity within upland review area for construction of additional parking spaces at 1 & 3 Farmglen Blvd.

The Commission will conduct a site walk on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Raym-Co – 62 Spring Lane

Violation hearing for tree and land clearing within a wetland, watercourse and upland review area. The Commission reviewed the Draft Vegetation and Concept Remediation Plan prepared by Davison Environmental. After a brief discussion the Commission was generally satisfied with the plan. Chairman Hinze next reviewed the Town's Ordinance regarding fines with a range of \$150 to \$1,000 per tree. Per field notes, 34 trees were removed, of those a few were dying or being choked out by vines and many were less than 12 inches in diameter. There were 19 trees that were healthy trees and were 12 inches or greater in diameter. These 19 trees served as the basis for setting the fine. The Commission commented that the property owner has been responsive in addressing the violation and they do not feel the maximum penalty is appropriate in this case. After further discussion it was determined the fine imposed will be set at \$150.00 per tree removed (19) totaling \$2,850. They would also like to lift the Cease and

Desist Order so that Raym-Co can proceed with the plan to stabilize the site for the winter and initiate the remediation of the invasive species. Earl O'Reilly for Raym-Co. was present and stated it was not their intention to disregard the regulations and commented they are in agreement with the draft concept remediation plan.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hannon/Wolf) it was unanimously

VOTED: To rescind the Cease & Desist Order at 62 Spring Lane so that the site can be stabilized for the winter and invasive species management control can begin. The Commission has imposed a fine of \$2,850 for the violation understanding that there will be a reasonable cost to monitor the site over the next few years and there will be on-going invasive species management.

This decision was made based on the satisfaction of the Commission with the Draft Concept Remediation Plan submitted by Davison Environmental. The formal landscape plan can proceed. When it is ready it will be reviewed with the Commission for final approval.

PLANNER'S REPORT

Regulations - Septic Systems

Assistant Town Planner Rutherford provided draft language options to amend this section of the regulations. There was a lengthy discussion about the amended language options the Commission suggested the Town Attorney provide direction to the membership.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made and seconded (Simpson/Isner) it was

VOTED: To approve the October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

SJM