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MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER -

A Meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order on Monday October 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Matthew Thornton Room.

Steve Perkins, Chair, presided:

Members of the Commission Present:

Michael Boisvert, Vice-Chair
Michael Drouin, Alternate Member
Andy Hunter
Ellen Kolb
Gage Perry

Members of the Commission Absent:

Gina Rosati, Alternate Member
Cynthia Glenn
Eric Starr
David Trippett, Alternate Member

Also Participating:

William Davidson, Hoyle Tanner, representing BAE Systems, Inc.

Chair Perkins designated Commissioner Drouin to sit in as a voting member for Commissioner Glenn.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

- **Black Diamond Development, LCC (petitioner) and MM Realty Trust (Owner) - Review for recommendations to the Planning Board regarding a Site Plan Review to construct a proposed 102,600 square foot warehouse building. The parcel is located at 734 DW Highway in the C-2 (General Commercial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 7E, Lot 31. Discussion tabled until the November 14, 2022**

meeting.

- **William R. Davidson (Applicant) BAE Systems, Inc. (Owner) – Review for recommendations to the Planning Board regarding a Site Plan review to construct a proposed 5,000 square foot building and two Radome structures. The parcel is located at 130 DW Highway in the I-1 (Industrial) and Aquifer Conservation Districts. Tax Map 2D, Lot 06.**

Mr. Davidson explained that BAE is relocating, the building they are proposing is virtually identical to a facility they already have in the Town of Londonderry. The proposed project is on a site already existing within the parcel and will be called MER 28. To the South, it abuts the Nashua Fish & Game. The proposed building is small and would be 5,000 square feet in size. There will also be two Radomes, fabric covered buildings, and a small parking lot.

Stormwater drainage will all flow through the parking lot into a small pond. Drainage outlets through a 12" pipe into a treatment swale; the plan is NHDES-compliant. Mr. Davidson noted there will be a sewer pump station on site which is pumped back to the already existing sewer on site. Mr. Davidson stated construction will probably begin in early spring 2023 when questioned by Commissioner Perry.

Mr. Davidson mentioned that the plan includes a mention of animals on the plans. There was a sighting of an Eastern Hognose Snake on the parcel in 2007. Mr. Davidson explained they have gotten recommendations from NH Fish & Game that they can move forward with the project. NH Fish & Game asked for the history to be on the plan so the contractor is aware of what process to follow should they see the snake.

Commissioner Perry asked if fluids would be stored in the new structure or if there would be floor drains. Mr. Davidson said no, and that he thought the only drains would be associated with a bathroom facility. Commissioner Perry noted that the plan calls for post-construction soil testing to be done and asked if all areas of soil would be tested. Mr. Davidson explained that this testing would be for proper pH, lime, and fertilizer levels of any disturbed soil. Testing will be done with loam before seeding. Commissioner Perry wanted to clarify because he noted one page of the plan said soil would be tested before fertilization and one page said testing would be done if available. Mr. Davidson said he could correct this on the plans to state testing would occur.

Commissioner Perkins noted the drainage study associated with the plan. He will send an email to the Planning Board with MCC comments on the project.

- **Review and comments on a Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit application from Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. The application is for the site of the Bowers Pond Dam located at Al Paul Lane Tax Map 2D, Lot 04-01.**

No one representing Pennichuck was present but MCC has the written application in full. The project is for renovation and maintenance of a dam. Commissioner Perry said that

the plan appeared to be thorough; commissioners agreed. No MCC vote is needed. Commissioner Perkins will sign the application.

Request for maintenance funds for HHNP sign posts – Submitted by Ellen Kolb

Commissioner Kolb presented the request on behalf of HHNP subcommittee chair Marc Gagnon. She explained that several trail junction posts are leaning and need to be re-set. Mr. Gagnon has obtained a quote of \$88.02 from Home Depot for fence post mix. They hope to prevent the posts from falling over. Commissioner Kolb asked other MCC members if they had touch up paint for the posts or if there was standard for what should be used.

Commissioner Perry said that Department of Public Works (DPW) had painted the posts originally, he believes the paint color is probably a forest green paint. Several commissioners suggested that HHNP's request for funds include enough money to purchase paint if necessary. Commissioner Kolb stated she will follow-up with DPW regarding the paint. She stated that if she made a motion, she wanted to do so for an amount not to exceed a certain value. This way if they do need paint, it would be covered. She noted not being involved in the process before so she was open to discussion on the appropriate amount. Currently, they are looking at re-setting at least 10 posts.

Commissioner Perry asked if the damage was due to wear and tear or if it was vandalism. Commissioner Kolb stated it was not damage due to vandalism. Commissioner Perry noted his only concern is that vandals might be able to yank out the posts after being re-set. Commissioner Kolb said that she had not anticipated that issue. Commissioners agreed that this particular fence post mix had not been used on MCC properties before, and that the results would be of interest for future work on other MCC properties. It was agreed it would be a good idea to have enough money to purchase paint and a paintbrush with \$200.00 being the agreed upon amount.

Motion by Commissioner Kolb to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$200.00 from Fund 53, for maintenance supplies for Horse Hill Nature Preserve.

Motion Seconded by Commissioner Perry

Motion Carried

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OTHER BUSINESS –

- **Reminder about LCIP walk on 10/29/22**

Members were reminded that the annual LCIP walk on the Wasserman property would take place next Saturday, October 29 at 10 a.m. Meet at the Wasserman Park parking lot, and wear something reflective.

- **NRPC Mapping project – Submitted by Steve Perkins**

Commissioner Perkins reported that there is no update from Nashua Regional Planning Commission on the project to update maps for MCC properties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion by Commissioner Kolb to approve the October 10, 2022 Conservation Commission meeting minutes without amendment.

Motion Seconded by Councilor Hunter

Abstained: Vice-Chair Boisvert

Motion Carried

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ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by to Adjourn by Commissioner Perry

Motion Seconded by Councilor Hunter

Motion Carried

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The October 24, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission was adjourned at 6:52pm.