

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

July 8, 2015

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Amato, Hannon, Isner, Quigley, Radacsi and Forster, Alternate Commissioner Wolf and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The Berkshire Design Group Inc. – 44 Mill Lane

Regulated activity within upland review area regarding site improvements at 44 Mill Lane. Angela Cahill, Architect with Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc., introduced the project, representatives from The Berkshire Design Group and Miss Porter's School. Rachel Loeffler, Berkshire Design Group, reviewed details of the site demolition, erosion control plan and grading and drainage plan. Highlights include the removal of existing pavement of the lower parking area, installation of a smaller lower parking area, installation of a new catch basin west of the stairway from upper parking area, installation of stormceptors, construction of an ADA compliant walkway from the lower parking area to the building and installation of ornamental planting beds. The invasive species management plan was reviewed which will target invasive non-native species. Ms. Loeffler stated runoff from the new catch basin will be piped to a stormceptor for treatment and then to the existing storm water drainage system. The grade of the lower parking area will be raised so that the appropriate grade can be achieved for the proposed accessible walkway. The amount of runoff will be reduced due to the reduction of impervious area of approximately 4,000 square feet. Commissioners expressed concern with protecting the river during construction, asked for clarification on the flood elevation and use of fertilizers/pesticides. Ms. Cahill explained improvements and safeguards incorporated into the plans to protect the river. Miss Porter's School added they will not use pesticides on the lawn areas or ornamental flower beds. Herbicides/pesticides will only be used as part of the invasive species control plan. Commissioners asked for further clarification on the upper parking area. The existing upper parking area and the drainage pattern will remain the same. The applicant was asked to provide treatment of runoff from this area. Ms. Loeffler said they will evaluate the possibility. Ms. Cahill reviewed the utility plan in detail. The Commission asked Assistant Planner Dolphin to follow-up with the Town's Engineering Office to obtain their plan review comments.

Items to be reviewed for consideration at the next meeting are:

- Consider connecting the storm water drainage for the southern portion of the upper parking area to the treated water;
- Retrofitting existing catch basins receiving untreated water with hoods;
- Confirm that the proposed invasive control plan is compatible with DEEP NDDB recommendations;
- Add note to Invasive Control plan that periodic invasive monitoring reports shall be prepared by Michael Klein and submitted to the Town;

- Engineering Office comments as they are received;
- Label large Silver Maple to be cut but not grubbed; also note that the stump will be angled to allow water to shed over it;
- Clarify and add note that no herbicides/pesticides will be used in the yard or landscaped areas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Hinze asked if any new information has been received from 7-Eleven. Assistant Planner Dolphin responded no. There was a brief discussion about the storage tanks.

Assistant Planner Dolphin read an email update from Peter Fishman regarding the Bridgewater planting restoration plan.

Assistant Planner Dolphin handed out information regarding the Tilcon forestry cutting project. She walked the site with the forester to clarify their selective cutting plan. She added that all cutting other than a low area where the Trail crosses will be out of wetlands and well away from the National New England Trail.

Assistant Planner Dolphin asked the Commissioners if they were available to meet with Ed Pawlak this month for the monitoring workshop.

PLANNER'S REPORT

Assistant Planner Dolphin announced her retirement at the end of the month. The Commissioners congratulated her and wished her a happy retirement.

MINUTES

June 17, 2015 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

SJM