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Attendance: Chairman Jim Luciani; Bob Romano; Mickey Laskey; Teresa Belmonte; Peter Miller; Frank Calandra

Absent: Dave Peterson

Agent: Elaine Vreeland, Recording: Judy Green

2/7/19 minutes – Mr. Laskey made a motion to approve the 2/7/19 minutes.

Mr. Romano made a second to the motion. The motion passed with an abstention from Mr. Calandra.

DEP#313-557 – 14B Fosters Lane – Alfred Fraumeni – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD): continued public hearing – to confirm 642 linear feet of bordering vegetated wetland and bordering land subject to flooding – This matter was continued at the applicant's request.

Ms. Vreeland attended a meeting last week with the applicant, Attorney Brian McGrail and Town Engineer Bill Renault. The purpose of this meeting was to streamline the remaining outstanding issues. Mr. Renault requested that the applicant submit 5' contour elevations in the "saddle" area. All low spots will also be field surveyed. It was noted that FEMA is in the process of revising floodplain elevations in this area. Even if the new elevations have not been finalized and accepted, they are considered to be the best available evidence. If the areas in question are below the 100-year flood elevation, it will be considered bordering land subject to flooding.

DEP#313-573 – 107 Prospect Street – Marcia Temple-Tyler – Notice of Intent (NOI): continued public hearing – demolish the existing house and construct the roadway and associated infrastructure and transitional site grading within the 100' buffer to bordering vegetated wetland – this matter was continued at the applicant's request.

DEP#313-576 – Lot 7AA Pheasantwood Drive – Notice of Intent: continued public hearing – construct a single-family dwelling with associated utilities and site grading within 100' of a wetland. Paul Finocchio of PJF Associates and the applicant Joseph Surianello were present. The proposal calls for the construction of a single-family home with a walk-out basement. A retaining wall will be installed on the right side of the driveway due to grade changes. The left side of the house will also require grading. A drywell consisting of crushed stone and PVC piping sized for the 100-year storm event will be installed to capture roof runoff.

Mr. Laskey informed the applicant of the special condition relative to per linear foot tree replacement.

Ms. Belmonte requested that the applicant outline the number of trees to be removed and detail what will be planted.

Mr. Finocchio requested permission to remove the dead limbs and debris from the wetland area.

Ms. Vreeland suggested using this area for a portion of the replanting. She will provide the applicant with plant suggestions.

Mr. Calandra asked how the groundwater elevation was determined.

Mr. Finocchio stated that test pits were dug 1/2/19.

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The Town Engineer is currently in the process of reviewing the drainage report.

This matter was continued to 3/7/19.

58 Woodbriar Road - The homeowner would like to remove six large pine trees from the wetland area. Ms. Vreeland and Mr. Luciani visited the site this week and noted that two of the trees appear to be dead.

Ms. Vreeland noted that the per linear foot replacement fee would be required, however the homeowner stated he cannot afford both the removal and replacement costs.

Mr. Miller suggested that the Commission allow removal of the two dead trees which would not require an additional cost. If the homeowner decides to remove the remaining four trees, he would then be subject to the per linear foot replacement requirement.

The Commission concurred.

Ms. Vreeland will relay this requirement to the homeowner.

2019 Re-appointments – The Town Administrator's office sent a reminder that those up for re-appointment this year – Dave Peterson and Frank Calandra – should submit a resume and letter of interest to Sherri Dalton.

DEP#313-275 - Heron Pond Condominiums – Ms. Vreeland spoke with the DEP Circuit Rider regarding ongoing enforcement difficulties. DEP will review the draft enforcement order and history of non-compliance then make a decision on whether they will get involved.

Ms. Vreeland stated that she would request that the Heron Pond representatives appear at an upcoming meeting, prior to commencement of summer fertilization season. She will also conduct a site visit tomorrow to view the snow storage area for compliance.

This meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.