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

Absent: Yue Ren

Elaine Vreeland; Judy Green

12/12/19 minutes – This matter was table to 1/23/20.

DEP#313-589 – 52 Bay State Road – Roger and Marcia Cooper – Notice of Intent: public hearing – construct addition, entryway, patio and walkways within 100' of a wetland – John Ogren of Hayes Engineering was present. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued a file number.

Mr. Romano made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Mr. Romano made a second motion to issue a Standard Order of Conditions.

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

DEP#313-582 – Lovis Avenue Ext. – Robert Casaletto – Notice of Intent: continued public hearing: Construct a 3-lot subdivision with associated roadway, utilities, storm water management and grading within 100' of a wetland – John Ogren of Hayes Engineering was present for the applicant. An amended plan and comments from the Engineering Department were submitted for review this evening. Detail of the proposed retaining wall has been added to the plan. Mr. Ogren stated that he has not completed the Commission's requested analysis of the effect of the tree removal on the wetland as he contended that trees removed beyond the 25' no-disturb zone will not have an adverse effect on the wetland. Based on his calculations, in order to produce a 25' shadow a tree needs to be at least 72' in height. He added that 66% of the first 50' of the wetland buffer would remain untouched.

Mr. Laskey asked the average height of trees to be removed.

Mr. Ogren stated it was on average 50'.

Mr. Calandra asked the ground water elevation.

Mr. Ogren stated that they did not encounter ground water as refusal depth in the test holes was between 3' to 4'.

Mr. Laskey asked what type of barrier would be in place at lot #2 to deter encroachment into the wetland.

Mr. Ogren stated that there would be a retaining wall.

Mr. Miller felt that a retaining wall would help prevent the expansion of lawn area.

Mr. Ogren stated that the wall could be extended along the length of the 25' no-disturb zone. He also suggested adding a line of arborvitaes as a second layer of deterrence.

Mr. Calandra noted that due to the close proximity of lot #2 to the 25' no-disturb zone, there would be encroachment in order to install the footings.

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Mr. Ogren felt that they could be installed with no disturbance. He added that the wall would most likely be constructed using interlocking concrete blocks requiring no footings.

Mr. Luciani felt that the house at lot#2 is too close to the wetland buffer. He requested submission of calculations and a detailed explanation of how a 25' buffer canopy will provide adequate protection to the wetland.

Mr. Ogren stated that the Wetlands Protection Act does not outline performance standards for buffer zones.

Mr. Luciani reiterated that the impact on the buffer zone should not impact the wetland. He added that the buffer to the wetland is critical given the large number of trees being removed up-gradient of the 25' no-disturb zone. He does not feel that the garage at lot #2 could be constructed with no disturbance to the buffer. He requested a re-design of the shape of the home in order to move further from the buffer.

John Todisco of 66 Forest Street expressed concern regarding the large number of trees to be removed and the resultant effect on the wetland. He is also concerned with the preservation of wildlife corridors.

Steve Purrington of 68 Forest Street asked if a 25' buffer was sufficient in this area due to the large amount of ledge and trees to be removed.

Ms. Belmonte asked if the house could be moved closer to the street.

Mr. Ogren stated it could not due to setback requirements. He added that they were not seeking zoning relief.

Ms. Belmonte contended that that could be an option in order to move further from the buffer.

Mr. Ogren stated that he would review a re-design of the home on lot #2.

This matter was continued to 1/23/20.

DEP#313-585 – 610 Salem Street – SBAB Capital Trust, LLC – Notice of Intent: continued public hearing – construct a 37-unit residential building with associated utilities, parking, storm water management and grading within riverfront and within the 100' buffer to a wetland. This matter was continued to 1/23/20 at the applicant's request.

DEP#313-537 – 205-209 Water Street – Request for Certificate of Compliance – Ms. Vreeland stated that the fence along the Tucci property had been repaired.

Mr. Miller suggested contacting Saugus for comment prior to issuing the Certificate.

This matter was tabled to 1/23/20.

This meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.