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Attendance: Chairman Jim Luciani; Bob Romano; Mickey Laskey; Frank Calandra; Teresa Belmonte; Peter Miller; Yue Ren  
Elaine Vreeland; Judy Green

12/12/19 and 1/9/20 minutes – Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the 12/12/19 and 1/9/20 minutes.

Ms. Belmonte made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Laskey arrived.

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 2/13/20 at the applicant's request.

DEP#313-561 – Water Street bridge – Request for Certificate of Compliance – The Saugus Conservation Commission has issued a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Miller made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Ms. Belmonte made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 analysis letter was submitted for review this evening. Mr. Ogren noted that the house on lot #2 has been decreased in sized. The home design now calls for a maximum allowed size of 30'x40' with a 22'x22' garage. The closest corner of the house to the no-disturb zone will now be 10'. Additionally, the retaining wall has been moved further from the 25' no-disturb zone and has been decreased in height. The wall along the back will be approximately 2' high to allow for a flatter backyard as well as serve as a delineation to the wetland. A row of arborvitae will also be added as a buffer to the no-disturb zone. Four white oak trees will now be planted within the 25' buffer.

Mr. Luciani noted that the maximum allowed house dimensions, as stated above, needs to be noted on the plans.

Mr. Calandra would like a condition specifying the presence of an on-site monitor during construction of lot#2. Under the Rule Authorizing Hiring of Independent Consultants, the monitor will be chosen by the Commission and paid for by the applicant. He suggested that the same monitor be used for the monitoring of the drainage system.

Ms. Vreeland requested submission to the Commission of a copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

Mr. Ogren stated that they are currently in talks with an abutting land owner regarding roadway improvements.

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Mr. Calandra asked what the recourse would be in the event of a failure of the storm water system. He also requested post-construction monitoring of the storm water systems following rain events prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Laskey asked if the habitat replacement number had been calculated.

Mr. Ogren stated that approximately 126 trees would be taken down.

Mr. Laskey requested submission by the next meeting of the number and type of replacement plantings.

Mr. Miller asked how the 25' buffer would be affected by the complete removal of the surrounding forested area. He felt that this was a large number of trees to remove for three house lots.

Mr. Calandra noted that the effects of blasting could alter ground water levels.

Mr. Ogren noted that they did not encounter ground water in any test holes.

Mr. Luciani pointed out that a layer of ledge in the test holes was the point of refusal.

Mr. Ogren stated that they plan to keep the bottom of the storm water basins above the ledge by approximately 1.5'.

Mr. Calandra requested that the pre-blast survey include surface water elevations for comparison with post-blasting levels.

Mr. Ogren stated that the pre-blast survey covers structures only.

Ellen Grossman of 72 Forest Street asked if the presence of endangered species had been determined.

Mr. Ogren stated that there were not any based on the Natural Heritage list.

Steve Purrington of 68 Forest Street expressed concern regarding the clear-cutting on the lot. Specifically the loss of habitat and potential increased flooding.

Mr. Luciani stated that impact from the loss of such a large number of trees should be explored further.

Mr. Romano requested a decrease in the size of the home at lot #3.

This matter was continued to 2/13/2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.