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Attendance: Vice Chairman, Bob Romano; Jim Luciani; Teresa Belmonte; Peter Miller; Ken Alepidis

Absent: Nini Ren, Frank Calandra

Agent: Elaine Vreeland, Recording: Judy Green

6/11/20 minutes – Ms. Belmonte made a motion to approve the 6/11/20 minutes.

Mr. Alepidis made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed. Mr. Luciani abstained.

9 Robert Street – Robert Macaleese – Request for Determination of Applicability – continued public hearing: remove 5 trees and create planting area within 100’ of a wetland and within the Crystal Lake Watershed.

Ms. Vreeland met with the applicant today. The planting plan will include a combined total of 9 high bush blueberry and winterberry plants.

Ms. Belmonte made a motion to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with one condition stipulating that the applicant would adhere to the approved planting plan.

Mr. Miller made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed. Mr. Luciani abstained.

DEP#313-553 – 84 New Salem Street – request to extend Order of Conditions (OOC) – David Damico of Commonwealth Tank and Carlton Quinn of Allen & Major were present for the applicants.

Mr. Damico stated that the work has not yet commenced due to ongoing litigation with the neighboring property owner. This has now been settled. Quotes have been obtained for work on the 5 catch basins. They are coordinating this work with the Town Engineer. Per the court ruling, work must commence no later than 8/1/2020 and be completed by 10/1/2020.

Mr. Quinn stated that although the current OOC does not expire until 8/17/2020, they would like extra time in the event of any unforeseen delays. No work has been done to date. He noted that the catch basins had been paved over as they were not draining anywhere.

Mr. Luciani asked if an easement from the Town had been received in order to cross the road.

Mr. Quinn stated that no easement was required for a public road right-of-way. He added that the Town Engineering Department had approved this work.

Ms. Belmonte asked if any new conditions should be added.

Mr. Damico stated that the court order was the only change.

Ms. Vreeland asked if the abutting property owner, Nardone, would be performing any work on their property.

Mr. Damico stated they would not.

Mr. Luciani asked how often catch basins would be cleaned.

Mr. Quinn stated that cleaning would occur quarterly.

Mr. Romano asked if the catch basins are deep sump.

Mr. Quinn stated that they most likely were as they were installed 15 years ago. He would be willing to provide an affidavit verifying same.

Mr. Damico stated that the catch basins will be uncovered tomorrow. He will take photographs and forward to the Commission.

Mr. Romano requested that they record the depth of sediment present. He also asked if all 5 are connected.

Mr. Quinn stated that he would verify this.

Mr. Luciani asked if they are located partially in ground water.

Mr. Quinn stated that this was most likely the case.

Mr. Damico stated that he would call once the basins are uncovered. Ms. Vreeland could then conduct a site visit to document and verify conditions.

Mr. Miller made a motion to issue a 6-month extension.

Mr. Luciani made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Belmonte made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Miller made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed unanimously.