**TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday September 25, 2024**

Merrimac Public Library – Library Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Jerome Mathieu, chair; Greg MacLean; Bill Andrulitis; Charlie Covahey: Alternate Member; Mark Leger, and Jay Smith, Conservation Agent

**The meeting was called to order at 7:045 PM**

**Public Hearing: Notice of Intent (continued): Wallace boat yard, 103R River Rd.:**

**Lay Applicant: George Lay, Re: Site clean-up and test pit.**

Mr. Lay did not attend the meeting. Discussion was tabled.

*With a unanimous vote (5-0) the Commission continued the Hearing until the next scheduled meeting.*

**Discussion: Partial Certificate of Compliance request, Todd Fitzgerald, for Abbey Rd. subdivision DEP# 45-261.**

Mr. Smith spoke for Mr. Fitzgerald who was not in attendance. All paperwork was submitted. A site visit had been done that indicated compliance with the Order of Conditions.

*With a unanimous vote (5-0) the Commission approved the request for the partial Certificate of Compliance for the restoration of the existing driveway for the Abbey Rd. development.*

**Discussion: Certificate of Compliance request, John Cormier, 6 High St. DEP# 45-279**

Mr. Cormier was not present and Mr. Smith described the project and site visit he had taken to the property. All necessary paperwork was submitted and in compliance with the Order of Conditions.

*With a unanimous vote of approval (5-0) the Commission agreed to issue a Certificate of Compliance*

**Discussion: 25 River Rd.: Paul Chang: Violation**

Mr. Chang was not in attendance. The Agent had been speaking to Mr. Chang and told him he would attend the meeting but reneged the day before the meeting. The Commission had asked Mr. Chang for an update on his progress of putting together a filing as soon as possible.

*Mr. Smith was asked to put together an Enforcement Order and send it out setting a deadline for installation of erosion control and the filing of a Notice of Intent.*

**Discussion: Engineers list**

*Agent will bring in samples of lists to be combined to produce an up to date list for the next scheduled meeting.*

**Old Business: Robert Prokop, tree planting at the Lake Attitash boat ramp; Todd Schell, Louise Mills building, Town Square.** Mr. Prokop did not receive permission to plant trees from the State. No news yet from Todd Schell on the preparation of an engineered plan.

*Tree planting request denied by the Commission. Todd Schell shall be added to the next meeting to review what measures will be needed for compliance.*

**Discussion: Assigning Town land to the Con Com**

Sandy Vender, Open Space Committee member explained that the committee wanted the Con Com to sign an agreement allowing one parcel of Town Forest land to have a Conservation Restriction placed on it controlled by the Con Com.

*The Commission Agreed to sign the document and to put on the Selectmen’s agenda a discussion question to talk about who is responsible for paying for tree clearing, brush removal etc. of the trails.*

**Discussion: Administrator Permit**

*Tabled until the next scheduled meeting.*

**Discussion: Changing the date and time of the meetings**

*The Commission agreed to change the meeting dates of the November and December meeting to Nov. 25 and Dec. 16 both Mondays. The meeting time was also changed to 6:00 pm. There after the dates will be every fourth Monday at 6:00pm.*

**Approval of Minutes: September 25, 2024**

*Motioned to approve the minutes with minor clerical changes. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).*

**Next Meeting: October 23, 2023**

*Mr. Mathieu motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hochmuth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.*