

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
February 6, 2020

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Meredith Avery, Keevin Geller and Alan Westman were the members present. Not Present were Stephen Cremer and Jon Wasserman.

A sign-in sheet is on file in the office listing other attendees of the meeting.
Meeting started at 7:50pm

7:50 P.M. Civil Defense Land Swap - Land Conversion – Fire Chief Jim Wright presenting

Chief Wright explained that the land located on South Main Street (near Deborah Sampson ball fields) is considered National Park Land. In order to build the new Civil Defense building on this parcel, the town needs to replace this land with property of equal or greater value. Additionally, land used for replacement must not be town owned. Temple Adath, located on Cedar Street was approached as they possibly had available land which could be used for the swap. After discussions, it was determined that a deal could be worked out that would satisfy the National Park Service, the Town, and the Temple. Map and conveyance vote is on file in office.

Motion: NPS Small Parcel Conversion. Arguimbau read motion aloud to Commission Members (on file in office).

Geller, Westman. 4-0-0

Members voted unanimously to support the land swap.

**8:00 P.M. Presentation – Sam Daggat, Eagle Scout Candidate
Installation of Fish ladder at Sucker Brook**

Working with the Friends of Conservation, Daggat is proposing to build a fish ladder at Sucker Brook. He passed out copies of his proposal to Commission Members. Daggat noted that the cost of the project would be \$456.

Daggat noted that only one “box” would be needed as the separation distance is not that large. The box would be placed in front of only one culvert. Buerman, of the Friends of Conservation, assisted with the project. In addition to building and installing the fish ladder, Daggat plans cleanup of the surrounding area of debris. He hopes to begin cleaning up the area the beginning of March, depending on the weather. Geller noted that money could be saved if the lining of the box were fiberglass vs sheet metal. Daggat was asked how the “box” will be secured. Daggat explained that he was looking at either securing the box to a large rock/boulder or perhaps drilling into the wall and attaching a metal rope. Daggat prefers the second option (drilling into the wall) as he believes the box would be more secure. The design of this fish ladder is unique and Daggat is hoping that it will work. Only about 6 inches is needed to help the fish move on. Daggat will be observing the fish as they spawn in early spring. In addition, the caretaker from Salvation Army thinks this is a good project and would also like to involve his campers in cleaning the area through the Salvation Army land.

Daggat will look into lining the box will fiberglass instead of sheet metal and will update his projected cost for the project. He is hoping that the cost for funding for the project can be

split between the Commission and the Friends of Conservation. Once the project cost has been finalized, Daggat will let Commission know. Additionally, prior to any work beginning, Daggat should notify the office.

Arguimbau wished to thank Daggat and all Eagle Scouts for their work around town. The scouts have upgraded many of the trails, put in signage, and have done many other projects which have benefited the town over the years.

Linda Berger, Recreation Director was also present at the meeting tonight. She mentioned she is also working with Eagle Scouts on projects. She is present this evening as she is currently meeting with scouts about two projects: cleaning up brush and debris around the skating pond at Deborah Sampson Park and installation of a volleyball court at the lake. Once she has formal proposal(s) from the scouts (project, impact on surrounding area, funding), the scouts will present to the Commission.

Notice of Intent: Hearing Continuance, Prince Way

Steve Gioiosa presenting for the applicant.

Last time he was before the Commission he explained that his client was able to get an interconnection with the Stoughton Water Department. Gioiosa is here this evening to update the Commission on what has been done since his last visit. Previously, the Commission had asked for preliminary grading of the site and the positioning of the proposed houses. Gioiosa brought in plans (on file in office). The plans show a clustering of homes and the proposed grading and driveways, which feed back into the road system. The plans show the positioning of homes and grading along the Bay Road side of the project as well. Gioiosa noted that there is one lot for which nothing has yet been proposed. The reasoning is that this lot would require a wetland crossing and his client is not yet sure if he wishes to pursue developing this lot. The client does understand however, that if he wishes to move forward with development of this lot, a Notice of Intent would need to be filed.

The plan showed this evening show only guesstimates of the style of home and what may fit in the proposed development. Gioiosa noted his client must still meet with Board of Health and Planning Board, and those meetings will dictate the configuration of the homes to be built and what will be able to fit on the lots.

Gioiosa is here this evening as he wanted to provide the Commission a chance to look at the revised plans which shows the grading and cluster housing, and to provide any feedback.

Arguimbau explained that she appreciated the Town of Stoughton's willingness to help out with the connection of the water main and all the work Gioiosa has done so far and the schematics on the homes provided. She did however explain that typically the Commission does not like to work on projects in a piecemeal fashion. She encouraged Gioiosa to look at the problematic lot and discuss with his client their wishes, whether to develop the lot or not. Gioiosa noted that most likely the lot above lot #6 will be merged with lot #6. As it stands now, this parcel, though perced well, has no legal frontage. Once his client meets with the Board of Health and Planning Board, they will know more. Gioiosa will also speak with his client regarding lot #7. He will have another plan to present to Commission at a later date.

At this time he is asking for a four week continuance as it will give him time to address the Commissions concerns.

Geller: Regarding lot #6, it abuts Town owned land. Perhaps a trade could be worked out with the Town. A trade of land may need to go through Town Meeting, but Gioiosa may want to look into the possibility and if it is feasible. Gioiosa and his client may wish to meet and discuss with the Select Board.

Motion: continue Prince Way hearing to March 5
Geller, Wasserman 5-0-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 16

Motion: to accept meeting minutes of January 16
Westman, Geller 4-0-0

Signed voucher: phone and postage

Arguimbau noted that Meister is working part time and he will monitor ongoing projects.

Proposed High School Turf Field

Arguimbau noted and acknowledged that the Commission is in receipt of numerous emails regarding the proposed installation of artificial turf at the high school. All emails coming in to the office are being passed on to Commission Members. Arguimbau explained that those who email to the Commission will not receive an acknowledgement. To date, approximately 50 emails have been received. The Commission will take up this issue only when a filing for the installation of artificial turf has been received.

Next meeting date: A doodle poll will be sent to members regarding dates. Possible meeting dates of February 20, February 27 and/or March 5th.

Motion to adjourn

Avery, Westman 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8.45pm