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MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY MARCH 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Robert Ring (Chair)
Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)
Peter Izyk
Sean O'Donnell
Dennis Cote (*arrived 7:30pm*)
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Tharyn Nein-Large

Also Present: Donald Frydryk, Sherman & Frydryk
Ed Pletman, Camp Ramah
Dave Cotter, Trail Committee and OSRP Committee
Michael Marciniac, Planning Board (Chair) and OSRP Committee

Meeting Opens: 7:00 PM – Robert Ring (Chair)

7:00 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval

Motion made by Peter Izyk to accept the minutes from Tuesday February 4, 2014

Motion seconded by Donald Duffy

No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0

7:00 PM Amendment to Notice of Intent DEP # 256-0269 – Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

A request to amend a Notice of Intent submitted by Pioneer Environmental c/o Palmer Motorsports Park, to amend the existing Order of Conditions for the proposed construction of a motorsports facility. The amendment is proposed to retract sections of the permit that will be revised in a subsequent Notice of Intent, to avoid having two (2) Orders of Conditions with contradicting proposals. The location of the proposed project is on West Ware Road Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 49-4; Map 51-1; and Map 52-8; Map 44-33 and Map 44-35.

The applicant requested a continuance. DEP is currently investigating possible violations.

A site visit will occur Friday March 21, 2014 at 10am.

Motion made by Peter Izyk to continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 7pm

Motion seconded by Sean O'Donnell

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-1 (Donald Duffy Abstains) – Motion Carries

7:03 PM Notice of Intent – Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

A Notice of Intent submitted by Pioneer Environmental c/o Palmer Motorsports Park, to revise portions of the motorsports park facility that is currently under construction. Revisions are proposed to the track layout, stream crossings, pit lane location and paddock locations. A drinking water supply well and septic system have been designed and new work includes the construction of clubhouses with parking and the filing of a previously crossed wetland. The location of the proposed project is on West Ware Road Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 49-4; Map 51-1; and Map 52-8; Map 44-33 and Map 44-35.

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Motion seconded by Sean O'Donnell

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-1 (Donald Duffy Abstains) – Motion Carries

7:05 PM Notice of Intent DEP # 256-0304 – Camp Ramah; 39 Bennett Street

A Notice of Intent submitted by Sherman & Frydryk c/o Camp Ramah of New England, for proposed site improvements including the construction of a new bunk house, located at 39 Bennett Street, Palmer, MA. The proposed bunkhouse will require 7,700 SF of disturbance within the 100-foot wetland buffer zone. The location of the proposed project 39 Bennett Street, Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 36-70. Robert Ring re-opened the hearing and no public was present.

Peter Izyk abstains from the hearing as an abutter.

The new bunkhouse will be located within the buffer zone of the BVW of Pattaquatic Pond. The building is located on the southern side of the pond and is 28'X72'. The location of the new bunk is in an area previously disturbed, which currently houses a playground. Only 3-4 trees and one stump are proposed for removal. An infiltration area is incorporated into the plan to handle stormwater. Silt socks and a silt fence will be used as erosion controls. The building will tie into the existing water and sewer infrastructure on site. An anti-tracking pad will be used to prevent the tracking of materials to other sections of the camp. All work will occur at the top of the slope, and no slope work is proposed.

Peter Izyk, speaking as a citizen and abutter, stated the area is previously disturbed. He informed the Commission there also used to be a dock and ramp for boats in the vicinity of the proposed new bunk house.

Motion made by Don Duffy to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions for DEP # 256-0304

Motion seconded by Peter Izyk

No further discussion – vote taken: 3-0-0– Motion Carries

7:15 PM Administrative Matters: Open Space and Recreation Plan Discussion

The Commission discussed the update of the 2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan. The committee will begin survey distribution Monday March 24, 2014 and will continue through the local elections on June 10, 2014. The next OSRP meeting will be April 22, 2014 to discuss mapping and the inventory of lands. Donald Duffy said he had maps of conservation properties, as well as surveys, that he would supply for review.

Dave Cotter was present and discussed with the Commission the land by the Swift River and rail road in Three Rivers that would connect to Red Bridge Conservation Land

7:45 PM Administrative Matters: Proposed Solar Array at old Airport/Emery Street

The Commission discussed the Proposed Solar Array at old Airport/Emery Street . The project is under way again and the applicant has informed the commission the Determination of Applicability issued April 2011 was missing the date and requested the Commission backdate the filing. The Agent will look into the regulations to see if that is possible and either back date the determination or print a new one for the commission to sign and date.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7 PM

8:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Dennis Cote to adjourn

Motion seconded by Sean O'Donnell

No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0– Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted,
Angela Panaccione, Agent