



TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY AUGUST 19, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)
Peter Izyk
Tharyn Nein-Large
Sean O'Donnell
Sarah Brodeur
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Robert Ring (Chair)
Dennis Cote

Also Present: ---

Meeting Opens: 7:00 PM – Donald Duffy (Vice Chair)

7:00 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval August 5, 2014

Motion made by Peter Izyk to accept the minutes from Tuesday August 5, 2014 as corrected
Motion seconded by Sean O'Donnell
No further discussion – vote taken: 5-0-0

7:05 PM Agent Report: Site Visit 103 Water Street – Blake Lamothe

*Tharyn Nein-Large recuses himself from the proceedings and left the room during this discussion.

The Agent informed the Commission about the site visit that occurred on Thursday August 14, 2014 at 10am at 103 Water Street. Agent Angela Panaccione was present, as well as Chairman Robert Ring and Blake Lamothe. The permanent markers have been set and the fence has been moved per the requirements of the Court Ordered Settlement Agreement. The area of BVW previously disturbed is re-vegetating and debris is being removed from the buffer zone. The Commission has also received the required site plan per the Court Ordered Settlement Agreement. Chairman Ring did have an issue with a newly constructed lean-to in the buffer zone, but the Agent concluded the Commission would have little enforcement power since the structure is outside of the 50-foot "No Disturb Zone". The Agent recommended accepting the site plan and closing the violation, finding Mr. Lamothe in compliance with the Court Ordered Settlement Agreement. All requirements of the Court Ordered Settlement Agreement have been complied with.

Motion made by Peter Izyk to accept the site plan entitled “Permanent Marker Plan: 103 Water Street; Project Number 11102A (Sheet 1 of 1)”; signed by Donald Frydryk, Dated 7/2/2014, Scale 1”=20’; and to conclude the discussion surrounding the Settlement Agreement & Violations at 103 Water Street

Motion seconded by Sean O’Donnell

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

7:10 PM Administrative Matters: Interim Agent Training – Elaine Williamson

The Commission discussed the Agent leaving on Maternity Leave and the training of an Interim Agent Elaine Williamson. Panaccione expects to leave around the middle of September. Panaccione will begin training Williamson on August 21st at 9am.

7:15 PM Administrative Matters: Mileage Reimbursement Payable \$59.85

Motion made by Peter Izyk to approve the Mileage Reimbursement payable to Angela Panaccione in the amount of \$59.85, for 133 miles pertaining to site visits

Motion seconded by Tharyn Nein-Large

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

7:20 PM Amended Notice of Intent DEP # 256-0269: Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

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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 and has requested the Commission stay the hearings until further notice.

Motion made by Tharyn Nein-Large to continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday December 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Motion seconded by Peter Izyk

No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0 (*Donald Duffy Recuses) – Motion Carries

7:22 PM Notice of Intent: Palmer Motorsports Park; West Ware Road

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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.

The applicant requested a continuance. DEP is currently investigating possible violations and has requested the Commission stay the hearings until further notice.

Motion made by Sean O'Donnell to continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday December 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Motion seconded by Tharyn Nein-Large

No further discussion – vote taken: 4-0-0 (*Donald Duffy Recuses) – Motion Carries

Open Space & Recreation Plan Public Meeting on Draft Report: Tuesday September 2, 2014 at 7pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday September 9, 2014 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35pm

Motion made by Sean O'Donnell to adjourn

Motion seconded by Sarah Brodeur

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

Sincerely Submitted,
Angela Panaccione, Agent