

Conservation Commission Public Meeting

March 1, 2018 Minutes

TIME: 7:32PM

LOCATION: Swampscott Police Headquarters

Members Present: T. Ruskin (remote), T. Bandrowicz, M. Andler, C. Hitchcock, M. Laguerquist, J. Simon-Lento,

Absent: M. Tamborini

Others Present: Peter Hasak (Applicant), Mary Rimmer (Environmental Engineer), Andrew Levin (Assistant Town Planner, Town of Swampscott)

MOTION : by J. Simon-Lento to make T. Bandrowicz the Chair Women (due to T. Ruskin being a remote participant of the meeting), seconded by C. Hitchcock, unanimously approved.

Chairman of the Commission, T. Ruskin was a remote participant.

MOTION : by J. Simon-Lento to make T. Bandrowicz the Chair (due to T. Ruskin participating remotely), seconded by C. Hitchcock, unanimously approved.

173-174 SALEM STREET – NOTICE OF INTENT – MASS DEP# 71-309

Peter Hasak, the applicant was present with environmental engineer Mary Rimmer.

T. Bandrowicz verified there was a quorum.

Ms. Rimmer began by giving a the Commission supplemental information related to the project. Mr. Hasak explained the project has two parts. The first project is located immediately adjacent to Salem Street, and mentioned close to Hawthorne Brook. Mr. Hasak explained the project is to regrade the tee, including stripping the sod off, getting the grade to a certain specification and then relaying the sod. Mr. Hasak mentioned he expected three days of disturbance.

Mr. Hasak then described the second part, which will take place adjacent to the middle school, and explained Muskrat ponds location to the project location. Mr. Hasak showed the intermittent stream and its location relevant to the project. Mr. Hasak explained the project is to fill two currently below water table bunkers with loam and then sod. Mr. Hasak showed Commission the line of disturbance for the project.

T. Bandrowicz asked if the work will be taking place in the stream or land bordering vegetated area, Mr. Hasak responded that the work will go right up to the border, but not into it. Mr. Hasak continued that the project will also include creating subtle rolling mounds near the green as well. T. Bandrowicz explained the streams location made her concerned that it might be a perennial

stream. Mr. Hasak mentioned some previous work that had taken place in the location in the past, and continued to clarify the location for the Commission.

Ms. Rimmer mentioned that there is a Town drainage easement located near the project location, and that in 2008 a drainage analysis was done. Ms. Rimmer stated the analysis found watershed records which stated the area was .33 acres of watershed area. Ms. Rimmer briefly discussed the stream and the project location with the Commission.

Ms. Rimmer explained there is some bordering vegetated wetlands on the streams edge, but the project work will all be taking place outside of the wetland. Ms. Rimmer stated there is specific work controls and that there should not be any impact to the resource. Mr. Hasak added that the project will be sod and not seed.

T. Bandrowicz asked about protection during the work, Ms. Rimmer responded that they are recommending a silt-fence with 6-inch step around the border, and explained her concerns with using haybales. Ms. Rimmer added that waddles could also be used, but because of the temporary and short time frame for the work, the silt fence will be sufficient. Mr. Hasak mentioned that there would be no issue if the Commission condition waddles to be used for the project located at the 8th tee, near Salem Street. Mr. Hasak mentioned that he is “on board” with using organic material underneath the sod and nothing on top. Mr. Hasak continued that everything used will be a slow release organic, and phosphorus in once grass is established.

M. Laguerquist asked the distance between resource and work, Mr. Hasak mentioned 14-15 feet (for the 8th tee project), and showed the area on a map. Ms. Rimmer and Mr. Hasak explained there will be a sodded area acting as a buffer between tee and resource, but that the work will not be going into the bordering vegetated wetland.

M. Andler asked if the underground irrigation is being changed, Mr. Hasak stated it will not be.

Mr. Hasak used a map to show the 8th tee area, highlighting a retaining wall and 3-foot grass buffer strip then Hawthorne Brook. Mr. Hasak showed on the map where the silt fence or waddles will be placed, and added that there was not enough room for haybales to work. Mr. Hasak added that the tee will be graded away from the water.

M. Andler asked if weather will be taken into consideration during work, Mr. Hasak stated it would. Mr. Hasak explained to the construction company that is being used, and added that they are well versed in this type of work.

MOTION : by T. Bandrowicz to issue Order of Conditions with stipulation that the waddles will be used on hole 8, and siltation fence used at both project locations, that organic fertilizer be used on both projects, and work will take place in appropriate weather, and the to add the Commissions general conditions as well, seconded by M. Andler, unanimously approved.

Mr. Hasak thanked the Commission.

DISCUSSION – HAROLD KING FOREST ENTRANCE

T. Bandrowicz read a letter from Eagle Scout and Town resident Duncan Page who had blazed the trail in Harold King Forest and made the new entrance kiosk. Commission mentioned they would like to write him a thank you letter.

T. Bandrowicz mentioned the entrance to the Forest is steep and overgrown with Japanese Knotweed. The Commission briefly discussed the front entrance.

MOTION : by T. Bandrowicz to allow Department of Public Works to put in erosion control barrier, seconded by C. Hitchcock, unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

The Commission discussed possible certificate for Mr. Page for his work.

T. Bandrowicz briefly updated the Commission on the Recreation Easement at White Court.

T. Bandrowicz also gave an update on the Commissions budget, and explained that the filing fees collected are kept in a fund but can not be used for certain things, such as fixing up an easement. T. Bandrowicz explained she had spoken with Peter Kane (Director of Community Development) and that there is a article going on the Town Meeting Warrant to allow the Board of Selectmen take the interest from the fund and put it into a conservation fund every year.

Commission briefly discussed next meeting dates.

Commission briefly discussed the previous meeting minutes.

MOTION : by C. Hitchcock to approve the November 16th, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by T. Bandrowicz, unanimously approved.

C. Hitchcock updated the Commission on the BioBlitz she is helping to organize in Town.

Commission discussed possible ideas for a memorial for former Commissioner Nelson Kessler, T. Ruskin mentioned possible doing a tree, C. Hitchcock mentioned the idea of turning a small grass patch into a pollinated area with flowers and plants. The Commission briefly discussed possible ideas and locations. T. Bandrowicz mentioned she would speak with Gino Cresta, Director of the Department of Public Works about a location.

T. Bandrowicz and T. Ruskin discussed involving the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator as well, as Mr. Kessler was heavily involved with the Town. T. Bandrowicz mentioned she would reach out to the Board of Selectmen.

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C. Hitchcock asked about the kiosks at Harold King Forest and Phillips Beach, and asked if the Commission would like to put information in them. T. Bandrowicz mentioned that the newly formed Friends of Swampscott Conservation group might be willing to take the kiosk project. T. Bandrowicz mentioned some possible information to add to them, and added that the Health Department may wish to add information as well. C. Hitchcock mentioned the kiosk should have a corkboard backing to make it easier to post things.

MOTION : to adjourn by T. Bandrowicz, seconded by C. Hitchcock, unanimously approved, meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Public Hearing

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