MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2018
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Paul Wetowitz, Jim Forsyth, Tim Connors, B. Koskelowski, M. Flynn
Also Present: Atty. Barbara Schellenberg

The meeting was called to order by Chm. P. Wetowitz at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Discussion and possible action Mitigation Plan for 46-100 Roosevelt Drive.

Zach Georgina, Juliano Associates was present for the applicant. He stated that he received the review letter from Town Engineer Brian Nesteriak. He stated that he has revised the plan to show the correct wetlands buffer. He also incorporated the contours. He stated that he is in the process of adding spot grades. He stated that Mr. Nesteriak recommended a full 25' buffer to all existing and proposed wetland areas. Mr. Georgina stated that there will not be a lot of wetlands plantings at this point. He also stated that the other location referred to is the only access point into that particular area. Mr. Nesteriak also recommended a hardscape barrier along the edge of the 25 foot buffer. Mr. Georgina stated that they want to maintain a healthy area and want access to that area. Mr. Nesteriak also suggested additional soil erosion measures prior to the inlet of the temporary pipe bypass. Mr. Georgina stated that check dams have been added before the water gets to the pipe. He also stated that they have not received a ruling from the Army Corps of Engineers at this time.

George Logan, soil scientist reviewed the plans and stated that there is a watercourse on the property and they have a level weir to allow the water to get back. He stated that on the waterway they can use some of the stone that is there now. He also stated that they will need have a hard area which will collect any sediment. He stated that coir logs will be put in place and wetlands plantings will also be put in. He stated that he will do site visits and see where the coir logs will be put and were boulders will be placed. He stated that he will then revisit after that is done to make sure that it is done correctly. He stated that there are some trees on the site but not too many and some small trees and larger shrubs will be added in some areas and also smaller shrubs in other areas on the site. He stated that there is little maintenance for Mitigation Areas A and B. Area C is more of a water quality area.

Mr. Wetowitz stated that the concentration is on the southern vineyard where the applicant wants to start planting. He asked what will stop soil erosion once the plantings are put in. Zach Georgina stated that currently on the site there is grass along side with haybales and a silt fence. He stated that there are check dams. They will be spreading additional seed and haymats. There will be a row of grape plants and
a row of grass with additional seed and hay on top. He stated that they are currently maintaining the soil and erosion controls. The haymats will help to stabilize the slope. Mr. Wetowitz asked if there will be additional work to the water course or near it. Mr. Georgina stated that they are maintaining the existing silt fence and coir logs create a berm with plantings behind it. Mr. Logan stated that they will move the silt fence in order to stabilize the brook. There will be coirlogs at the edge of the brook with stone alongside it.

Mr. Connors asked if there should be another silt fence added. Mr. Logan stated that while doing the work they will make a determination if an additional silt fence is necessary. They want to be sure that any seed put down will take. Mr. Wetowitz stated that it is important that its monitored properly.

Mr. Logan stated that he received an e-mail back from the Army Corps and sent them some more information that they asked for. It is still in the review process with them. They are waiting to the end of March or April to do an inspection and have the Town involved in that. Mr. Logan stated that everything has been submitted to them and it is up to them to determine if a permit is necessary. Mr. Georgina stated that they still have an active permit with a cease and desist and asked to have that modified. Mr. Georgina stated that they would like to have it modified to mitigate the waterway and Mitigation Area B. They want to stabilize the southern vineyard area and they can work on their response to the comments. Mr. Wetowitz stated that they need to follow the town engineer's report. Mr. Georgina stated that one condition was an additional bond. There is currently a $20,000 Bond in place and they do not feel that an additional bond is necessary.

Mr. Forsyth stated that a concern is having plantings going in until the watercourse is stabilized. The watercourse should be repaired and a certain percentage completed before the plantings go in. Mr. Logan asked when the plantings need to start. Tony Marvuli stated that they need to start sometime in April. Mr. Logan stated that there should be no problem putting in the coir logs during the next few weeks. He stated that they should be done or close to finished by the middle of April. Mr. Forsyth stated that he would not want the watercourse work set aside for the plantings.

Mr. Georgina stated that they have a plan for remediation for Area B and the waterway. The area that has been disturbed will now be addressed. Mr. Forsyth stated that the Commission does not know what the intent is for the entire site. Mr. Georgina reviewed the plans for the entire site. Mr. Flynn stated that it appears that they are trying to remediate any past damage done on the property. Mr. Connors felt that a second silt fence would add further protection.
MOTION: T. Connors/M. Flynn to modify the cease and desist order as it affects the southern vineyard and waterway per the recommendation of the town engineer Brian Nesteriak; starting with coir logs and getting that set before planting. Review the bond cost to make sure bond covers the remediation. Have Town Engineer review all work being done prior to planting to make sure significant improvements have been done to the waterway; make sure it is stabilized. Motion Carried: 5-0.

MOTION: B. Koskolowski/M. Flynn to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by P. Wetowitz Chairman.

Respectfully submitted:

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