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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014 NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance:

Steve Plotkin, John Conroy, Lisa Andrzejewski

Member Absent:

Kevin Stanis

Chairman Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

53 Mountain Road

Katherine Garlin-Kane and Ron Kane, 53 Mountain Road stated that the majority of their property is wetlands and they were never told that they could not touch the area. They stated that there is a small piece of property in front of the wetlands that they want to clean out and plant grass. They stated that they do not have much property and would like a small patio area which would be all grass. They stated that Mr. Jezierny had looked at the property and did not feel this would be a problem but were told to come before the Commission.

Mr. Conroy stated that the subdivision that this lot is a part of was changed and there are a lot of wetlands but it never came before this Commission. Mr. Plotkin explained the purpose of the wetlands markers and that the wetlands should be protected. Mrs. Kane stated that when they purchased the house they did not know about the markets and they just want to clean up the area and make it nicer. She stated that they will only plant grass and will not use any fertilizers and will comply with the regulations. Mr. Plotkin stated that there is a conservation easement on their lot and nothing can be done because of that. Mrs. Andrzejewski explained that the conservation easement prevents anything further from being done. Mr. Conroy suggested that the members look at the property to be clear on what they would like to do. Mr. Plotkin stated that the Commission will do a site walk.

28 Moss Avenue Update

Kevin Dokla stated that the work has been just about completed. He stated that Mr. Jezierny has been to the property and did a walk through. Mr. Plotkin stated that Mr. Jezierny did tell him that everything is in order. Mrs. Andrzejewski reviewed the remediation plan with Mr. Dokla. Mr. Dokla stated that he actually left four stumps in because he was concerned if he removed some of them there would be more damage. He also stated that his neighbor will not allow him on his property to do anything. He stated that he offered to clean out the area and would take care of it but the neighbor refused to allow to do that. He felt that it would be helpful if the Town could have some information available to property owners on what can be done with wetlands.

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Storm Water Management Plan, 770 Derby Avenue

Don Smith was present representing Joseph Tracz, Jr. He stated that the site was originally to be developed in 2002 but was not done at that time. He stated that the existing building will remain and an industrial building with six bays will be constructed along the back of the property. The property is located in the C-2 Zone and the allowed uses include retail and contractor businesses. He stated that there are no wetlands on the site but a storm water management plan had to be submitted. He stated that he discussed this with Mr. Jezierny and it was easier to complete the plan than ask for a waiver. He stated that he put together a storm water management plan which has been reviewed by Nafis & Young. Nafis & Young asked for some minor modifications to the plan which included that the property owner would be responsible for the maintenance of the storm water management plan. Mr. Smith stated that the town has a storm water management ordinance and he followed the ordinance in preparing this plan.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that a lot of information has been presented this evening for the Commission to review. She felt that it would be helpful if this information could have been given to the members prior to the meeting. She stated that they would have been able to thoroughly review it and be better prepared to discuss it. The members also felt that it would be helpful if the town engineer were present at the meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that this is actually a redevelopment site which somewhat reduces some of the storm water management requirements. He explained the plan to the members and felt that it met all the regulations. Mrs. Andrzejewski asked what type of uses would be in the bays. Mr. Smith stated that they do not know at this time but if the use meets the requirements of the C-2 Zone it would be allowed. He did state that there will be no outside storage and everything must be contained in the building.

MOTION:

L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to approve the storm water management plan for 770 Derby Avenue based on discussions this evening as it appears that it meets the qualifications for a redevelopment project pursuant to post construction storm water management regulations.

Motion Carried 3-0.

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Long Range Planning Committee

Don Smith stated that a Strategic Planning Committee has been created by ordinance in Seymour. He stated that it is a ten year plan to start looking at the future. The intent of the plan is to really look at all departments, boards and commissions and get into a mindset looking out five to ten years on what would be good for the town. He stated that the bond rating for the town has increased simply because this Committee has been created. He asked the members to give some thought as to where they would like to see the commission go in the next five to ten years. He stated that members of the Committee will be meeting with all boards and commissions to get their input on recommendations for the Committee to consider.

Commission Training

Mrs. Andrejewski stated that she looked into the commission training and the requirement is that there has to be at least one person certified every year on the Commission. She stated that there is a comprehensive training program done annually. She stated that there are on-line programs available they the members do but these would not be certified. She stated that more information will be made available to the Commission.

Minutes, Special Meeting, January 15, 2014

MOTION:

J. Conroy/L. Andrzejewski to approve the minutes of the

01/15/14 special meeting.

Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION:

J. Conroy/L. Andrzejewski to approve the minutes of the

01/27/14 rgular meeting.

Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION:

L. Andrzejewski/ J. Conroy to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryanne DeTullio, Rec. Secretary