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Minutes for 8/17/2017

Location: Ayer Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), George Bacon (GB, Vice-Chair), Bonnie Tillotson (BT, Member), Jessica Gugino (JG, Member/Clerk), (Kait Rimol, (ICA) Interim Conservation Administrator

Not Present: Member (Vacancy)

APAC taped: No

7:12 PM – Open Meeting

- **Discussion: Ayer Solar II Order of Conditions (OOC), MassDEP # 100-0403**
 - The Public Hearing for this OOC closed on 7/27/2017.
 - This discussion was called for the sole purpose of signing the OOC, which was then done.
 - Kyle Burchard, of Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall (GPR), came in to pick up the signed OOC.
 - BD brought up the email received earlier in the day from Town Accountant Lisa Gabree.
 - At a previous meeting, ConCom authorized paying the final invoice from Wetland Strategies & Solutions, for \$2042.45.
 - WSS performed the outside consultant review for Ayer Solar II.
 - GPR previously deposited \$2090.00 into a special Town account for this purpose.
 - ConCom previously approved the first WSS invoice, for \$906.59, for payment.
 - The sum remaining in this account is \$1183.41 and will not cover the new invoice.
 - The contract included a clause covering the possibility of additional work.
 - The additional work that was required was review of the wildlife habitat evaluation performed for GPR by Oxbow Associates.
 - At a previous meeting, GPR was asked to provide the additional sum of \$859.04 to cover the extra work but Mr. Burchard said they had not yet done this.
 - BD asked Mr. Burchard to provide ConCom with the additional funds on Tuesday, when ICA is next in, at which point the signed OOC will be handed over to GPR.
- **CA Interviews**
 - At 7:30, Adam Riquier was interviewed.
 - At a little after 8:00, Jo-Anne Crystoff was interviewed.
 - At approximately 8:45, Brian Vasa was interviewed.
 - Additional new job applications were reviewed after this.
 - There are one or two new applicants that BD will call to see if interviews are a possibility.
- **Conservation Commission Office Updates**
 - The Willows
 - A site walk with George Gallagher, to review plans for two mitigation areas, was scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9.
 - 143 Oak Ridge Drive Enforcement Order
 - Via kayak, ICA inspected the unpermitted work on clearing vegetation and creating a beach on Flannagan Pond at this address.
 - Piles of sand remain at the site, along with an attempt at an apparently unfinished stone wall.



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- The quality of the work performed did not appear to be high.
 - BT said that the current owner has put this property up for sale and that the property is now advertised as having a beach.
 - GB moved to ratify the EO prepared by ICA; BT 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - The EO will be delivered to the current homeowner who will be asked to attend the 8/24 meeting.
 - ICA Field Inspections
 - ***Pingry Hill***
 - ICA met recently with erosion control consultant Desheng Wang at Pingry Hill.
 - Things have been cleaned up; no current issues.
 - ***Kohler Place***
 - Previous concerns, including a blown-out silt fence behind lots 3 and 4, have been addressed.
 - ***The Willows***
 - No issues of concern.
 - ***Pleasant Street Extension (Riley Jayne Farm)***
 - No work is currently being done.
 - ***Nashua Street Extension***
 - This site is now moving along.
 - Erosion controls have been inspected.
 - Site grading is underway.
 - Work on a detention basin has begun.
 - ***Rosewood Avenue Extension (Ayer Solar I)***
 - National Grid is in the process of putting in replacement poles.
- **Executive Session, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A, for the sole purpose of approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 3/9/2017.**
 - GB moved to go into Executive Session, with simultaneous adjournment from the Executive Session and regular public meeting to follow; BT 2nd.
 - BD polled the Commission and motion approved unanimously (JG, aye; GB, aye; BT, aye; BD, aye).
 - GB moved to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 3/9/2017 as written; BT 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **10:22 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - GB moved to adjourn from the Executive Session and the Public Meeting; BT 2nd.
 - BD polled the Commission and motion approved unanimously (JG, aye; GB, aye; BT, aye; BD, aye).

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Jessica G. Gugino, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved by Conservation Commission:

8/24/2017

Signature Indicating Approval: