Town of Rutland
Conservation Commission
Minutes: February 4, 2020
Meeting Opened: 7:02 P.M.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Peter Craine, Melissa Danza, Jared Gentilucci, Skip Clark, Willard Cannon
Board Members Absent: Eric Bigelow, Joe Dell'Aquila
Guests: Julian Votruba, Mike Gasparoni

Application Submissions:

Notes: Proposed solar project located at the Rutland Heights property. Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.

Request for Determination of Applicability: Gasparoni Builders, LLC, 16 Campbell Court
Notes: An Order of Conditions was previously issued for 97 Campbell St. for a solar project. There has now been a change of plan to construct single family homes on the property. The previous access road will now be used as a common driveway to 2 lots. The closest point to the wetlands is approximately 75 ft. to the lowest grade. The applicant asked if an RDA is acceptable and the board was amenable to that. Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.

Notice of Intent: Brintnal Estates, LLC, Grizzly Dr.
Notes: Submission arrived after the February 4th meeting via e-mail and dropped off at the Town Hall. Plan was previously presented at the January 21st meeting. Hearing scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Votes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 21, 2020—Motion made by Skip Clark, seconded by Melissa Danza; vote unanimous at 7:02 P.M.

Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Edward & Dawn Webber, 21 Valley View Circle—Motion made by Melissa Danza, seconded by Skip Clark; vote unanimous at 7:17 P.M.

Motion made to close the meeting—Motion made by Skip Clark, seconded by Willard Cannon; vote unanimous at 7:49 P.M.
**Hearings:**

None

**Discussions/Other:**

**Commission Member Term Expirations**
Willard Cannon, Melissa Danza and Skip Clark are all up for a new term at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2020. Peter would like to know by the end of March if they plan to apply for another term so that he will have time to put recommendations letter together. Peter also spoke with Eric Bigelow, who hasn’t attended a meeting in several months. Eric expressed that he would like to continue serving on the Commission for the time being, but in March he will know if his employer will be re-locating him to Cape Cod again. At that time, he may choose to resign and there will be an opening. Peter is currently working on a new policy regarding appointment to the Commission, which will include the requirement to attend at least one of the meetings and express interest to the chair.

**Conservation Commission Bylaw & Stormwater Regulations**
The town received an e-mail from the Environmental Protection Agency regarding an Order of Compliance. In 2003, the EPA re-did the stormwater regulations with further updates in subsequent years. Under the former director of the DPW, Gary Kelleher, a subcommittee was put together to work on the stormwater bylaw, but it never went anywhere. Two town meetings ago, Mr. Kelleher worked with Weston & Sampson and wrote a bylaw that was accepted by the town in 2018. The town was under the impression they were all set, but the EPA is stating that there are 3 bylaws that the town was supposed to have written by 2008, but they weren’t. As a result, the new deadline for this is June 30, 2020. The new director of the DPW, Joe Buckley is taking point on this project, but the ConComm will be affected as well. Peter plans to touch base with Joe this week and they’ll then decide if a meeting between Joe and the Commission is warranted. Peter and the board want to ensure that the authority of the ConComm doesn’t transfer to the DPW. The current stormwater bylaw is regulated by the DPW and the Board of Public Works. Jared shared that he would get input from co-workers who have had experience with MS-4 permits as well.

**Other**
Quinn Engineering notified the Commission that C.B. Blair Builders has still not paid their bill from March 2019. A second letter was sent to Blair from the Commission in early January requesting payment. As such, the board agreed that the hearing for Brintnal Estates can be opened, however, it will not be closed until the bill is paid in full. Tomeca will follow up with Karin Prucnal on the status of the payment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tomeca Murphy, Secretary