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VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WRENTHAM, MA

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Chair Leo Immonen, Vice Chair Julie Garland, Members: Maria Jomides (arrived at 7:09pm), Delana Reardon, Seth Jensen, Janet Sozio, Agent Darryl Luce and Land Use Specialist Heather Ledbetter were present. Dianne Demarais was absent. The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and announced that the meeting would be recorded.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, MEETINGS and APPOINTMENTS

7:15 pm SE 351-1202 – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) - 256 Beach St. & 516,521,584 Taunton St. from Stephen Meltzer, Edgewood Development Co., LLC

Ms. Lauren Gluck, PWS, of Pare Corp. represented the Applicant. The property is composed of 4 parcels and is a 111-acre property which was formerly a poultry farm.

DEP Commented about the intermittent streams. Have the intermittent streams been assessed per 310 CMR 10.58(2)(a)1. b. or c. as to whether they are intermittent or perennial? Ms. Gluck said that Hawthorne Brook is a perennial stream but the other 2 on the property are intermittent.

Ms. Gluck said that the parcels are primarily wooded. Ms. Gluck said that 16 potential vernal pools were evaluated throughout the property and 8 met the Wrentham Bylaw Regulations but only 4 were within areas to be included in the ANRAD. Also, 2 BVW areas and 6 IVW's which meet the Bylaw criteria were identified.

Ms. Sozio asked about wetland plants seen in areas not classified as a wetland.

Ms. Sozio asked about the Fairy Shrimp and the state listed, threatened Marbled Salamander noted in the NOI application. Ms. Gluck said that these properties were not marked on the National Heritage Priority Habitat maps but since this discovery was recorded the maps have been changed and the entire property is now NHESP Priority Habitat for any future development.

Ms. Sozio asked about the NOAA precipitation data from 2023 and if it would be updated.

252 Beach St. – Abutters Gary & Stephanie Duquette shared their concerns about the wetlands on the property given recent prolific rains.

A motion to continue the hearing to 2/22/24 at 7:15pm was made by Ms. Reardon, was seconded, and passed 6-0-0.

A roll call was used for each vote in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes: January 11, 2024 - A motion was made by Ms. Reardon to approve the minutes as amended was seconded, and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Chair's Report –

Mr. Immonen attended a MA DEP Climate Resilience meeting. More current rainfall data from NOAA Plus will soon be used for stormwater calculations. He also attended the Community Preservation Meeting and 3 applications have been submitted for the June Town Meeting.

He reminded the Commissioners that the MACC Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Agent's Report –

The Agent said that the Birchwold mowing bid came in from Landscape America. The Agent mentioned that Dave Fogg had been volunteering for the Commission for 40 years.

The Agent has been dealing with stormwater issues related to recent storms – Cherry St., Green St., Taunton St., Wrentham Rd. & West St. (at Town Line).

A motion was made by Ms. Jomides to adjourn at 8:03 pm, was seconded, and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Ledbetter, Land Use Specialist.

Next meeting: February 08, 2024