

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chairman, Ted von Rosenvinge, James Smith, Mike Reiner, Ed Schwarz and Sara Schlechter

Also Present: Town Attorney, Pat Sullivan and Dave Pattee, Conservation Planner

The meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission opened at 7:34 p.m.

DISCUSSION: SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION SITE STABILIZATION INSPECTION REPORT AND REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN, 41 NORFIELD WOODS ROAD (ROBERT J. CARR, P.E. AND ATTORNEY EDWARD LERNER REPRESENTING NAUSHIN SARFRAZ)

Attorney Lerner and Robert Carr, P.E. came forward along with Sal Triano, Geotech Engineer with Crossland Engineering. Mr. Carr noted that the Commission had concerns about the slope and Mr. Triano will address the slope stabilization plan. He stated that they had the area surveyed and found certain areas that were in exceedance of 2-1 slopes. Mr. Triano then came forward and passed out a packet of topography surveys noting that there were 6 sheets, the first sheet was the topography prior to the filling. The second sheet shows the current conditions which was done earlier in the month, which is an approximate of the slope as there are many spots that are considerable steeper. Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that on the walk they noticed seepage around elevation 51-54 at the steep part of the slope. Mr. Triano then explained that the third page describes the proposed re-grading plan of taking some of the steep areas, cutting that down and pushing that material down further. After, they will put topsoil on and establish vegetative support. There will also be drainage swales on either side to pick up the surface water, and also a new catch basin to replace the one by the house that is not fully functioning which will go into a pump and discharge over to the swale and then into the level spreaders at the bottom. Mr. von Rosenvinge questioned the septic system and Mr. Triano explained that the information came from Grumman Engineering and he was not sure how accurate it was.

Following a question posed by Mr. Schwarz about the runoff and a 50 year storm, Mr. Triano explained the erosion control features, both temporary and permanent and noted that the catch basin has been sized properly for what will be going into it, but it was not calculated for a 50 year storm. Discussion ensued.

Mr. von Rosenvinge noted that while they were on the site walk, there were all types of construction debris, the seepage had an odor and the Commissioners are concerned with where water is coming from. Mr. Carr noted it could be a breakout from the septic system. Mr. von Rosenvinge stated that the seepage should be tested. Discussion continued.

Mr. von Rosenvinge suggested that as they go along with the cuts, they should do some tests to determine what may be in the fill at deeper levels and get a better understanding on what's there. Mr. Carr stated that they could do testing if something looks suspicious. Discussion on additional soil testing continued.

Mr. Schwarz stated that they have an obligation to the citizens of Weston to make sure that the ground water is not contaminated and Mr. von Rosenvinge suggested a couple monitoring wells down gradient to test the seepage and the groundwater. Ms. Schlechter questioned whether the debris, i.e concrete and large trees, will be left or removed and Mr. Triano explained how they would balance the fill with burying the concrete and chipping and spreading the trees.

Mr. von Rosenvinge then summarized the things the Commission would like to see. There is concern about the down gradient flow for water quality, and in view of the seepage, it needs to be sampled at the tow of the slope. Also, they need some understanding on where the septic system is and they should get the WWHD out to check the status of the septic system to see if there are any problems or damage. He would like to see a process for handling what gets exposed as far as concrete, or concrete with paint, and a sampling plan for the soil when the equipment is out there and a plan on how they are going to remove anything questionable. There also needs to be planning for long-term monitoring of the monitoring wells. Mr. Triano stated that he would go back and size the catch basins so they can handle a 50 year flood. Discussion continued.

Following discussion, the meeting was continued to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the August 27, 2019 and September 21, 2019 Minutes was continued to the next meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to enter Executive Session and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the Commissioners entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Present: von Rosenvinge, Schwarz, Smith, Reiner, Schlechter, Pattee, Atty. Sullivan

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to exit Executive Session and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the Commission came out of Executive Session at 10:19 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Schwarz seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary