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CONSERATION COMMISSION MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Present: Judy McKinley Brewer, Jeff Liquori, Bonnie Geromini, Phil Grant and Pat Cote.

Meeting opened at 7:00PM.

7:00pm - RFD BELL ATLANTIC –VILLAGE DRIVE

Mr. Dean Gustafson representing Bell Atlantic Mobile presented proposal to collocate on the existing wireless telecommunications facility by placing antenna on the 150-foot tall tower at 140 feet, placement of ground equipment in a prefabricated 12-foot by 30-foot shelter within the fenced compound and create a 10 foot by 20-foot expansion of the northwest corner of the fenced compound to accommodate a propane tank for emergency backup power. There will be no physical disturbance except for trenching for footings and the building will be prefab with its own floor and will then placed on a concrete floor. The proposed work is not located within wetland resource areas and the work within the 100 foot buffer zone will occur within the existing fenced facility and just outside of the compound in already existing developed and disturbed areas. The work will be 63+ feet from the nearest BVW boundary. Contact Project Manager's name will be provided to Commission.

Jeff Liquori made motion to close meeting. Seconded by Pat Cote. Motion approved.

Jeff Liquori made motion for a Negative Determination with conditions on the Request for Determination filed by Bell Atlantic. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini. Motion approved unanimously.

VOTE: Yes: Jeff Liquori, Bonnie Geromini, Pat Cote, Judy McKinley Brewer and Phil Grant.

Following are the conditions for the Determination: 1. Conservation Commission to receive 72 hour notice of sediment control installation, to allow for inspection. 2. Machinery will not be left in resource area buffer zone during non-work periods. 3. Machinery should be located outside the 100 foot buffer zone during non-work periods. Conservation Commission reserves the right to inspect the work area during the life of the Negative Determination of Applicability. 4. Work to be done in accordance with Site Plans dated 09/18/08, latest revision dated 02/03/10 prepared by Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. and Application for Determination of Applicability dated February 3, 2010 submitted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. 5. All construction material will be removed from the resource area at the close of work each day. 6. After project is completed and resource area has been restored and reestablished all sediment controls will be removed.

7:30 RFD BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH - 119 SOMERS ROAD

Pastor MacLeod and Heather Comee, Pioneer Environmental presented information regarding construction of a church, parking area, stormwater management system, public drinking water well, and septic system.

All of the work is proposed outside of the resource areas and buffer zones with the exception of the drinking water well. Resource areas have been identified and flagged. No work will take place in the flood plain or in Natural Heritage jurisdiction. The well location is proposed a minimum of 480- feet from the future proposed work. The installation of the well will result in a temporary disturbance to the area and will immediately be over seeded with an erosion control seed mix for shady areas.

It was suggested that the Commission have a Peer Review done due to the size of the project. Heather asked the Commission do a site visit before deciding on Peer Review. Mark Stinson from the DEP will be asked to come for the site visit to take place some time in March or April.

Steven MacKay, 107 Allen Street asked about future development as he is concerned about his well and how much lighting there will be. Pastor MacLeod answered that the plans that were present at the meeting were very preliminary as the architect showed them what could be done but there are no set plans on what actually will be done. He also stated that they are conscious of the light issue.

Jeff Liquori made motion to continue meeting until March 17th at 7:00pm. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. Motion approved. Heather to call when she feels a site visit can take place.

8:00PM RFD STAFFORD ROAD- LOT 2A & 2B (CONT.)

Heather Comee reported they are still waiting for Natural Heritage response. Natural Heritage has determined that this project will result in a "take " of the Wood Turtle habitat which will result in the disruption or direct mortality of wood turtles. The project will result in the degradation of suitable early-successional and forested habitat for this species through direct land conversion. In order to be permitted, the owner must meet the performance standards for a Conservation and Management Permit. This requires a net benefit component to benefit the species. Heather anticipates there will be a deed restriction and mitigation funds to compensate for the "take."

Jeff Liquori made motion to continue meeting until March 17, 2010 at 7:30PM. Seconded by Pat Cote. Motion approved.

8:30 Billy Bond- Highland Circle, 40 & 40A

Mr. Bond would like to move the house from where it is placed on the revised plan. The Commission stated he should check with Mark Stinson, DEP to see if and what he would need to do in order for the move to take place. Mr. Bond will check with Mr. Stinson. Jeff Liquori made motion to continue meeting until March 17, 2010 at 8:00PM. Seconded by Bonnie Geromini.

Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Jeff Liquori to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy McKinley Brewer. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: Judith Mikkola, Clek