GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 5, 2021

1:00 pm via Zoom

Present:

Conservation Commission: David Warr, Chairman; Leo Roy, Jay Merriam, Michael Parker,

Lisa Wright

Also in attendance: Dave Andrews, Brendan Annet, Gail Blout, Mike Campagnone, Seymour DiMare, Philip Houha, Isabelle, Mike Milanoski, Bev Prevost, Ned Prevost, Kate Parker, Rich Rico-Field, Catherine Ricks, Charles Wilder

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Warr at 1:02 pm.

Order of Business:

* Approval of December 11, 2020 Minutes
* Continuation of the Hearing on a NOI for Stormwater Drainage Improvements and Roadway Repair
* Discussion of Church’s Beach NOI
* Prevost Driveway
* Adjournment

1. **GCC December 11, 2020 Minutes**

*Michael Parker made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting as drafted. Leo Roy seconded the motion.*

*Five Commission Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.*

1. **Continuation of the Hearing on a NOI for Stormwater Drainage Improvements and Road Repair**

Catherine Ricks, Foth Co. and speaking for the Town , responded to the draft Order of Conditions with the following changes:

* Cost estimates have been provided the street sweeping options and the vacuum truck options including low, medium and high-cost options.
* Concerning the overflow pipe drainage from the Frog Pond on the Barry’s Property, Gail Blout spoke with the neighbors and an overflow pipe will be installed into the drainage structure within the Broadway system and cost will be determined at a later date between the Town and the neighbors.
* For the property on Tower Hill Road that has been flooding from stormwater, Gail Blout has spoken with the Contractor installing the Playground. She suggested that the material taken from the playground grading be used to elevate the driveway. In addition, the proposed structure has been changed to a filtration trench which has a higher capacity to collect water directly from the roadway.
* The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife responded to the question of a possible time of year restriction stating there is no time of year restriction because the project is not in the NHESP delineated area and because the project is out of the Harbor and above high water.
* For the construction sequencing it was asked that the CDS structure be installed first so that during construction, stormwater and construction debris does not go directly into the Cuttyhunk Pond. The Construction Contractor can be asked to comply.
* Alternatives to the proposed CDS are included in the revised Plans.

In response to GCC members questions:

Catherine agreed to send a copy of the NOI to Southeast Marine Fishery & Wildlife, attention: Eileen Fisher, for their review.

Gail has filed a contract amendment form requesting that the project be delayed until the Fall and to allow the funding to be shifted to FY 22. This would allow the Town to synchronize the two projects and avoid compromising the newly paved road. The State felt that it was a reasonable request, but there will be no response to the request for up to two weeks.

Catherine responded that for proper maintenance of the drainage system the Town should keep reports of when inspections are done, what is found during the inspections and a log recording what has been done after the inspections. By doing this the Town will know if they need to increase the sweeping of the streets or the cleaning out of the structure to keep the structures working properly.

Catherine reported that the plan to remove the water flooding around the Houha driveway has been changed by making the structure that was planned bigger and adding an infiltration trench to capture more water. Less water will run over to the driveway. Gail is also working with the playground construction contractor to put the material from grading the playground onto the area of concern, raising its elevation.

Catherine agrees that the best course of action is to coordinate the two projects, stormwater drainage and replacing potable water lines.

Catherine agreed that once the staging and access areas are determined for the project that they will be submitted to the GCC for approval. Also, she agreed that the contractor be directed that the Broadway portion of the work begin at the lowest gradient point and work upwards.

Rich Ricco-Field said that contractor’s stormwater prevention plan will be submitted to the GCC for approval.

Brendan Annet, representing The Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC), said they were pleased with the Plan to make stormwater drainage improvements to benefit the Cuttyhunk Pond and Buzzards Bay. Their concern is the area at the entrance to the Houha driveway and adjacent to new Playground area, which is where BBC’s newly acquired property is located. This is where the BBC will place a small shed, put signage on the shed and have an entrance to the trail system that will lead into the large property on that side of the hill. Their concern is to preserve as many large trees as possible and to know where the structures are planned. David Warr and Gail will be meeting Brendan for the site visit.

Catherine Ricks said she or Mike Campagnone is happy to meet Brendan next week to walk the area and mark where things are planned to be.

Leo Roy stated that he is satisfied with the changes made and think the GCC should move forward.

Dix Leeson asked for what magnitude storm is this project designed and how was that chosen. Rich stated the piping itself was sized for a 25-year storm and the treatment system is sized to treat and move over 90% TSS removal from the water prior to discharge into the harbor.

*Michael Parker made a motion to continue this hearing to the next GCC meeting, April 9th or sooner if needed because the project cannot be delayed until the Fall. Jay Merriam seconded the motion.*

*Five Commission Members voted in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.*

1. **Prevost Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA).**

Dave Andrews, Brown, Richardson & Rowe, presented the project plan to construct a driveway to the Prevost House. The GCC requested an extension of the Sedimentation Control Plan down to the south towards the easement to further protect the Protected Resource Area (PRA). GCC members determined the project was a commonsense project and does not impinge on the PRA and can go forward.

1. **Continuation of Church’s Beach NOI**

Gail Blout has reviewed the Order of Conditions much of which complies with the NHESP letter. One issue is #30: where the sand materials will be stored. Gail agreed to the suggestion that the Applicant would submit a staging plan prior to commencing the work.

*Michael Parker made a motion to approve the Order of Conditions as drafted with the exception that the paragraph with respect to staging would provide that the applicant would submit prior to the commencement of the work a staging plan subject to the approval of the GCC. Jay Merriam seconded the motion.*

*Four Commission Members voted in favor of the motion, there was one abstention. The motion was carried.*

The next meeting will be April 9th unless Gail Blout requests an earlier meeting to address the Stormwater Drainage Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Parker