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**Conservation Commission Minutes – December 27, 2019
at 2:00 PM in the Council Chambers on the Second Floor of the Municipal Office Building,
66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts**

Attendees:

Present: Marilyn MacDonald, Chair; Harry Bailey, Vice-Chair; Eileen Prisco, Member, Steven Solbo, Environmental Planner; Azu Etoniru, Town Engineer, Jasmin Farinacci, Executive Assistant

2:00 PM – Old Business

- Notice of Intent – 10 Stonehill Lane **(Silva Engineering Associates)**

Present before the Commission: No one is present at this time

The applicant requests a continuance until the second meeting in January 2020.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to continue the public hearing until January 23, 2020. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

- Notice of Intent – Scotland Boulevard, Map 59, Lot 14 **(Collins Engineering Group, Inc.)**

Present before the Commission: David Clenard, Collins Engineering Group, Inc.

Mr. Clenard states that as he had mentioned previously there is proposed to be a 10,000 s.f. building on Lot 1. There was a potential tenant who had backed out of the deal, at which point the building was proposed to be 6,000 s.f., but is back to the original 10,000 s.f. proposal. The parking remains the same as originally proposed, as does the size of the building. The applicant has received Planning Board approval for the project. Agent Solbo states that the wetland line was approved via a previously filed Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and recommends the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to close the public hearing. Member Bailey Seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant an Order of Conditions with standards conditions. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

Town Engineer Mr. Etoniru recuses himself for the hearing on 152 Elm Street and leaves the meeting.

- Notice of Intent – 152 Elm Street, Map 71, Lot 35 **(Gallagher Engineering)**

Present before the Commission: Frank Gallagher, Gallagher Engineering

Mr. Gallagher states that the project has received Planning Board approval, including engineer review and drainage review by HML. There is a warehouse type building proposed on the site. An ANRAD for the site was previously approved. Mr. Gallagher states this site is primarily work within the buffer zone and no work is proposed within the 25' buffer.

Chairman MacDonald states that she has no issues with the proposed project.

Agent Solbo states that the Planning Board has approved the project, staking has been done and verified and the site is ready. Agent Solbo recommends issuing the Order of conditions for this project,

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to close the public hearing. Member Bailey seconds,

VOTE: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant an Order of Conditions with standard conditions. Member Bailey seconds,

VOTE: (3-0-0)

2:00pm – New Business

Town Engineer Mr. Etoniru returns to the public meeting

➤ 310 CMR 10 Regulation Changes

Agent Solbo states that there are proposed regulation changes to 310 CMR 10 which are minor changes that would effect the notification process, including appeals, and processes in the Town office will be changing as well – such as requiring certified notices to DEP. Agent Solbo states that he will attend one of the hearings open for public comment regarding these changes and will report back to the Conservation Commission.

➤ Notice of Intent – Elm Street at Pleasant Street **(VHB)**

Present before the Commission: Azu Etoniru, Town Engineer

The applicant is proposing to make improvements to the intersection and traffic lights at the intersection of Elm Street and Pleasant Street as well as geometric upgrades, an addition of 270' of sidewalk, a left turn lane, and a bike lane on both sides of the road.

Mr. Etoniru states that 6 months ago the Commission reviewed a Notice of Intent for road widening, improvement and utilities on Elm Street. This intersection of Elm Street and Pleasant Street is proposed as an add-on to that improvement. The Town did not own the property where the wetlands are currently located, which is where the drainage and light improvements will be located. National Grid owned the property. The Town proposed an easement over the National Grid property, but National Grid did not want that responsibility. The Town has entered into a friendly taking with National Grid. Drainage basins and a retaining wall in the form rip rap are proposed on the side. An alteration is proposed in the northwest quadrant of the site. Most work is outside of the wetlands. There will be minimal encroachment on the wetlands during the installation of the stormwater management that is proposed to be restored.

Mr. Etoniru states that the Elm Street project required Environmental Notice with the Environmental Notification Form and a Certificate was issued for Elm Street from the state, which is why they did not apply for a modification to the NOI as this would have extended the timeline. The Town was assisted by VHB for the engineering and design of this project.

Lights at the intersection will be designed so there will be designated right- and left-hand turns.

Agent Solbo states that if the project were entirely in the roadway it would be exempt and doing a modification would have been too lengthy. The project meets all performance standards and he recommends issuing an Order of Conditions with standard conditions.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to close the public hearing. Member Bailey Seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant an Order of Conditions with standards conditions. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

2:00pm – Conservation Commission Business

- Other Business: As deemed appropriate by the Commission
- Certificate of Compliance – 4 Birch Hill Road – SE116-1104

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Agent Solbo states that the Order of Conditions was checked and the site is in compliance. Agent Solbo recommends the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant a Certificate of Compliance. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Certificate of Compliance – 4 Birch Hill Road – SE116-1337

Agent Solbo states that the Order of Conditions was checked and the site is in compliance. Agent Solbo recommends the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to grant a Certificate of Compliance. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)

➤ Review of Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2019

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to approve the minutes of November 14, 2019. Member Bailey seconds.

Vote: (3-0-0)

MOTION: Member Prisco moves to close the public hearing. Member Bailey seconds.

VOTE: (3-0-0)