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Present were: Chair, Craig Jernstrom; Vice Chair, Michael Carabetta; Clerk, Thomas O'Brien, René Reich-Graefe, Robert Sheets and Anthony Zampiceni. William Arment and was not present.

Public Meeting Request for Determination of Applicability – George Tracy, 100 Mill Road

Chair, Craig Jernstrom opened the public meeting for George Tracy, 100 Mil Road. Clerk, Thomas O'Brien read the legal notice into the record.

Mr. Jernstrom asked Mr. Tracy to explain to the Commission what it is he would like to do.

George Tracy, 100 Mil Road said that a pond was dug and the fill was laid out and was put into a pile on the west end and he wants to grade off the pile.

Mr. Jernstrom asked Mr. Tracy if it was a manmade pond. Mr. Tracy said yes it is.

Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Tracy it was made for aesthetics or for irrigation. Mr. Tracy said that he was going to raise shiners and use it for recreation.

Mr. Carabetta asked Mr. Tracy it is feed by any springs or any running water or does it stand alone. Mr. Tracy said it stands alone and is spring fed. Mr. Carabetta said in essence he wants to restore around the one of the corners around the pond. Mr. Tracy said just the west end.

Mr. Sheets asked Mr. Tracy how long as the pond been there. Mr. Tracy said the completion date was 1965.

Mr. O'Brien said the he doesn't think the distance between the pond and the marsh area is going to have an impact on the wetlands a joining it. He said all that is going to be done is a little bit of grading next to his manmade pond that is used for recreation and it's spring fed so it's not like it's going to have an impact.

Mr. Carabetta said he feels that Mr. Tracy doesn't need a determination of applicability because Mr. Tracy just wants to do a small project. He said that he doesn't see they need to make Mr. Tracy go through unnecessary steps for such a small project that will probably take an afternoon to do the work.

Mr. Sheets said the fact that it is manmade pond and he will not be removing material. Mr. Tracy said all of the material that is going to be removed has been removed and replaced with gravel and stone that has to be spread out before he spread the pile. Mr. Sheets asked Mr. Tracy how he will be moving the material around. Mr. Tracy said that he is either going to get a front end loader or a bulldozer.

Mr. Jernstrom said his concern is that they are in compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act and portions of it could possibly be grandfathered. He said but they need to proceed with caution because there are wetlands that are abutting it and the talk about bringing in front end loaders in they need to make sure they are not damaging the abutting wetland.

After further discussion and upon motion duly made by Michael Carabetta and seconded by Thomas O'Brien, the Commission voted (5-1) allowing Mr. Tracy to do the work without having a Determination of Applicability.

Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 14, 2015 and upon motion duly made by Michael Carabetta and seconded by Thomas O'Brien, the Commission voted (6-0) to approve the minutes.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of October 28, 2015 and upon motion duly made by Thomas O'Brien and seconded by Anthony Zampiceni, the Commission voted (5-0) to approve the minutes.

Request for Certificate of Compliance – 19 Pondview Drive (lot 9) DEP #150-0412

Upon motion duly made by Michael Carabetta and seconded by Anthony Zampiceni, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 19 Pondview Drive, (lot 9) DEP file # 150-0412.

Outside the jurisdiction letter – 315 Millbrook Drive (lot 7)

The Commission issued an outside the jurisdiction letter for 315 Millbrook Drive (lot 7) DEP file #150-60.

Update on Elm Crest Country Club complaint/dumping issues

Mr. Jernstrom asked Mr. Carabetta if he got anywhere with Elm Crest Country Club. Mr. Carabetta said that he & Mr. Arment looked at it and didn't see anything out of the ordinary. He said that they were too sure what they were exactly looking for. Mr. Jernstrom said that he will draft a letter up to the owner to show that the Commission is doing something.

There being no further discussion and upon motion duly made by Michael Carabetta and seconded by Anthony Zampiceni, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

For the Commission,

Thomas O'Brien, Clerk