

Conservation Commission Minutes
August 28, 2006

Attended:

Acting Chair: Lorraine DeSouza

Members: Art Johaningsmeier, Chris Picone

Associate Member: Gary Howland

Conservation Commission Agent: Lori Capone

7:30 p.m. Mark Dymek (attended) – Re: 40B project. “Village of Whitney Park.”

- New plans reduced wetland alteration to 660 sq ft, in east section (off Williams). No wetland crossing on west section, where two homes will be built.
- Replicated wetland will be kept to one location rather than two smaller separated locations (one is less than 200 sq ft). Rizzo is reviewing engineering, but not wetlands impacts explicitly.
- NOI will come in one month if possible.

7:45 p.m. Northland/Shinn – ANOI – 92 Holt Road. Attended: Angel Lehtonen, Northland Eng.

- Old septic tank will be filled according to code.
- Abbreviated NOI was approved.
- Order of Conditions should be sent to Northland Eng. directly, not to clients.

8:00 p.m. Town – NOI – Fitchburg Road (water line). Attended by Laird Walsh, GCG Associates.

- Project is 6300 ft long total along Fitchburg Rd.
- This was an RDA, not an NOI.
- No emergency permit was filed, but work has begun because GCG determined that “90% of the work was within the pavement (road edge).” But there are several stream crossings.
- Some culverts are “not in very good shape.” Some are filling, and one was cracked and replaced; origin of the replaced culvert was not located.
- Con Comm concluded a negative determination but with conditions:
 - Re-enforce and monitor any haybales that appear degraded, beaten, etc.
 - If a culvert is broken, there should be a phone call to the Con Comm.
 - More conditions will be listed after a walk-through scheduled for 9AM. Aug 31. Continued to Sept. 11. Even though main line will be done by then, individual house lines will be added after that date.

8:30 p.m. Sisson/Maloney – con’t.

- Abutter Richard Paris showed up; Sisson/Maloney (who is proposing the well) did not show up. Postponed to Sept. 11.
- Note that proposed well may be on Paris’ land, according to Szock. His drawings were submitted by Paris.

8:40 p.m. Brewer – NOI con’t – 189 Ashby Road.

- Attended: John Deline, Cindy and Jeff Brewer. Abutters Bill and Penny Weatherby.
- Added recommendations from last meeting (Aug 4) and added asphalt berm to direct water into rocky swale. Also added berm to south side of driveway in response to abutters’ request to reduce runoff onto their land. But abutters objected to asphalt berm so close to the property line.
- No DEP #, so continue Sept. 11.

8:45 p.m. Brown – NOI con't – L2, Old County Rd.

- Letter from DEP is in. The required Appendix A (Habitat study) has been completed by Oxbow Associates.
- First crossing: still propose a 10 ft wood bridge. Second crossing: still propose 12 ft span, 3 ft high concrete, pre-cast bridge. Footings proposed are now also pre-cast concrete, rather than “gravel poured, unless a sand/gravel base is under that wetland.
- Added a 4 ft span, 2 ft high x 15 ft wide box culvert for second crossing.
- “Wildlife habitat” forms submitted to DEP 2 days ago.
- Cont. to Sept. 11 to get Army Corps response re: crossings and DEP response re: Appendix A.

9:00 p.m. Whitman & Bingham – Public Safety Bldg.

- Attended by Chuck Caron (Enviro Consulting) and Brian Milisci (Whitman and Binham).
- “Blowout” of soil and silt from public safety site (101). Chuck admitted that silt need to be shoveled out/ removed from affected area.
- Letter to go to Building Committee as a “pre-enforcement” order. Letter to include the following points:
 - Fix gulley at toe of slope
 - Fix haybales
 - Remove silt that came downhill from soil blowout
 - Repair other gulley on North side.
 - Give/ask for timeline/deadline, or enforcement order will be issued by a set date (determined in letter).
 - Take fill out of replication area
- Order of conditions now require monthly photos and reports.

Other business:

LD motion to approve Aug 14 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Continued discussion on wetlands regulations.

10:50 Adjourn.