

Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA 01432 * 978-772-8249 * 978-772-8208 (fax) Minutes for 1/26/12 – Approved 2/9/12

Location: Ayer Police Station, Community Room

Members present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), George Bacon (GB), Takashi Tada (TT), Jessica Gugino (JG, Clerk), Warren Ball (WB), Becky DaSilva-Conde (CA, Conservation Administrator) APAC taped: No

7:20 PM – Open Meeting

Accounts Payable

- Aquatic Control Technologies (ACT): \$1080, final payment for 2011 weed treatment for Sandy Pond and Pine Meadow Pond.
 - The post-treatment inspection report from ACT now clearly states the required 85% treatment level has been met.
 - The post-treatment GPS point map for Pine Meadow Pond has been received.
 - GB moved to approve payment of \$1080 to ACT; TT 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- o Becky DaSilva-Conde: \$90.27, reimbursement for purchase of office supplies, including planner, Rolodex, rolling file, file crate, etc.
 - GB moved to reimburse CA \$90.27; TT 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

Announcements

 A 1/24/12 memo from Town Administrator Robert Pontbriand indicates that all employees of the Town, including those serving on ConCom, are required to take an On-Line Ethnics Training and submit an exam completion certificate to the Town Administrator by 2/3/12.

Meeting Minutes Approval

- o GB moved to approve minutes for 11/17/11 as amended; TT 2nd.
 - Motion approved 3-0, with WB and JG abstaining.

CA Updates

- The Willows Enforcement Order
 - An updated winterization plan has been received.
 - Weekly updates are being turned in regularly.
 - CA drives through The Willows weekly and it is looking fine now.
 - Per an email dated 1/20/12 from Joe Bellino of MassDEP, The Willows has been given official permission to dig and pour the foundations for 3 buildings (41/42/43, 32/33/34, and 26/27/28) to be used for temporary storage and treatment of stormwater.
 - This is a partial release from DEP's Unilateral Administrative Order.
- o Pingry Hill, Hickory Way at Route 2A culvert into nearby Bennetts Brook
 - CA visited this site on 1/13/12 with Mr. Bellino, during which Rick Roper of Crabtree Development happened to drive by.



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- Mr. Roper was introduced to Mr. Bellino, who had just told CA he would write a violation letter to Mr. Roper.
- Instead, Mr. Roper was told directly that as soon as water level drops off sufficiently, he must have a crew in to clean up Bennetts Brook.
 - Mr. Roper promised to take the culvert area off the "back burner" and clean it up as soon as it becomes feasible.
- o Matt Pinard's property on Route 2A
 - CA asked BD to clarify what Mr. Pinard was told about plowing snow on his property during BD's site visit.
 - Mr. Pinard is now telling CA that he wants a COC.
 - CA and BD were both under the impression that Mr. Pinard would be building a wall to protect the adjacent wetlands prior to the issuance of a COC.
 - BD also told Mr. Pinard that snow should be plowed across the back yard and not into the wetlands.
 - CA said snow is currently being plowed directly into the wetlands.
 - BD will contact Mr. Pinard to address the snow plowing issue.
 - BD asked that the issue of inquiring where snow will be pushed should be added to ConCom's Policies and Procedures.

• Discussion: Wetlands Permit Application Information Packet

- o Document editing continued.
- 10:07 PM Adjourn Meeting
 - o JG moved to adjourn; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.