

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 6, 2008

Jesse Bousquet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center in the Town Hall.

Present Were:

Jesse Bousquet	James Pitler
Lisa Brita	James Plasse
Maggie Plasse	John Castagnaro

Carl Fabricotti - Certificate of Compliance requested by Carl Fabricotti and John Castagnaro for 42½ Farm Street. Mr. Castagnaro recuses himself from the discussion and the vote. Mr. Bousquet did a site visit and recommended that the Commission issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Carl Fabricotti and John Castagnaro for 42½ Farm Street. Mrs. Brita seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Keith Gagne, 24 Orchard Street, Blackstone, MA - This hearing is continued from the September 15th meeting. Paul Gadoury was present as representative. A site visit of the property was conducted by several members of the Commission. Mr. Plasse suggested a drywell and/or vegetated swale for the driveway and roof runoff. Mr. Gadoury said that he could route the runoff to the other side of the house. He said that the impervious area has been increased by 0.34 acres. Mrs. Plasse asked if it would be easier and less expensive to have a drywell. Mr. Gadoury agreed to a drywell for the roof and driveway runoff.

Mr. Pitler made a motion to close the hearing. Mrs. Brita seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to approve the project with the Special Condition stated above. Mrs. Brita seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Paul Mandeville, 162 Blackstone Street, Blackstone, Ma - Mr. Mandeville has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability. Greg Bunavicz was present as representative. Mr. Bunavicz stated that the two cesspools are not functioning correctly. He said that they need to be upgraded for Title 5. They are proposing a new septic system with a haybale line around the limit of disturbance. Mr. Bunavicz said that they proposing an impervious barrier six inches above the high water table. Mr. Bousquet said that he sees no problems with the plan.

Susan Bergeron of 64 Blackstone Street, an abutter to the project, was present at the hearing. She

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has some water flow questions for Mr. Bunavicz. Several of the members had questions concerning issuing a negative determination for this project. The Commission agreed that they would like to consult DEP before issuing the determination. Mr. Bunavicz stressed the importance of a speedy determination for this project. The members agreed to meet on October 9th at 6:00 p.m., if needed, to vote on a determination for this project.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to continue the hearing until October 9th, if needed, otherwise the hearing will be continued to the October 27th meeting. Mrs. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

All members present signed an invoice for Natural Resource Services.

Mrs. Plasse made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting. Mr. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Under Old Business, the need for a Conservation Agent was discussed. The members agreed that they would like the agent to attend all meetings. The secretary will contact Natural Resource Services to see if someone will attend the October 27th meeting to discuss this.

Mrs. Plasse said that the Town By-laws should be modified to state that the Commission can hire a wetland specialist to review our projects. This way the Town By-law will match the State By-law. She said that this can be done at the Town Meeting.

Mrs. Brita made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bousquet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Larue
Secretary