

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2008

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

Present Were:

Jesse Bousquet	James Plasse
Maggie Plasse	John Castagnaro

Absent Were:

James Pitler	Lisa Brita
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Mr. Plasse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 6th meeting. Mr. Castagnaro seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Paul Mandeville, 162 Blackstone Street - Request for Determination of Applicability continued from October 6th meeting. Gregory Bunavicz present as representative. Mr. Bunavicz submitted a revised plan to the members. The Board of Health required him to revise the plan to add a swale to direct water away from an abutter's property. He also had to add a soil evaluation note and the excavators name to the plan. Mr. Bunavicz said that the septic has been raised ½ foot and the grading has been revised. He said that the Board of Health required that they install a different septic system. After all the changes were made, the Board of Health has approved the plan. The members agreed that since the Board of Health has given their approval, the Commission can now give Mr. Mandeville a negative determination.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Bousquet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to grant Mr. Mandeville a negative Determination of Applicability. Mr. Bousquet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Short Line Realty - Stanley Irza was present at the meeting at the request of the Commission. Mr. Bousquet said that there had been several complaints from abutters concerning the 10 day appeal period and his not complying with the Order of Conditions. Tonya Brainard of Natural Resource Services, the Commission's wetland consultant was present at the meeting. Mr. Bousquet said that Mrs. Brainard conducted a site visit on October 24th and Mr. Bousquet read the letter of her findings. She did not find the violations that the abutters had complained about, just some small issues with the silt fence. Mr. And Mrs. Plasse conducted a site visit on October 26th and Mr. Bousquet read the e-mail that Mr. Plasse had sent to the Commission concerning their finds. Their findings were similar with Mrs. Brainards. Mr. Bousquet said that he also conducted a site visit on Oct 25th and Oct 26th. Mr. Bousquet then read a letter he had submitted

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to the members concerning his findings. He said that he found the site in good condition. Mr. Bousquet then read an e-mail from the DEP. The DEP representative suggested talking with Mr. Irza about the silt fence problems.

Concerning the silt fence, Mr. Plasse suggested using haybales at some areas to protect the pond. He suggested that it be maintained until next summer. Mrs. Brainard suggested that Mr. Irza seed and hay it. She also suggested more seeding in the spring. Mrs. Brainard said that she would show Mr. Irza where to put the haybales.

Ed Reynolds, an abutter to the project, was present. He accused Mr. Irza of vandalizing his property and a neighbor's property. The members asked him if he had called the police. He said that he had already called them. Mr. Reynolds also said that Mr. Irza had filled in the stream. Mrs. Brainard said that she would check that out tomorrow. Mr. Irza was given a letter from the Commission concerning the silt fence.

Mr. Leblanc of the Lake Hiawatha Assoc. was present to discuss building a boat ramp on Marcel Lane. He showed the members pictures of the area. He said that they would like to replace the loam with processed gravel. Mr. Leblanc said that the water has been lowered for the winter. He said that the site will be fenced in. Mr. Bousquet suggested that Mr. Leblanc file a Notice of Intent or an Abbreviated Notice of Intent.

Jack Lafrancois was present to discuss doing work on a dirt road off of Webster Avenue near Brush Pond. Mr. Bousquet told him that he should speak with Gerry Rivet the Building Inspector.

The members had a discussion with Mrs. Brainard about being the Conservation Agent for the Commission. The secretary will speak with Mr. Rabideau concerning any billing issues.

Mr. Bousquet asked Ms. Plasse if she could update the town's website. He asked her if she would remove Mr. Cannata's name add Mr. Castagnaro's name and e-mail address. She said that she would.

All members present signed the secretary's payroll.

Mr. Plasse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Larue
Secretary