

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010

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

Present Were:

James Plasse	James Pitler
Jesse Bousquet	Maggie Plasse
Tamara Heiselmeyer	

Absent Was:

Lisa Brita

Marc Daniel, 67 Blackstone Street – Mr. Daniel was present at the meeting along with his representative, Brandon Faneuf of Ecosystem Solutions, Inc. Mr. Faneuf informed the members that he would be preparing a restoration plan for the 200 foot riverfront area of Mr. Daniel's property. Mr. Plasse told him that the DEP would also like to see the restoration plan.

Mr. Faneuf said that 30 +/- trees were removed according to Mr. Daniel. Ms. Plasse added that he also removed vegetation. Mr. Faneuf said that 10 trees were removed in the 200 foot riverfront area. The members and Mr. Faneuf reviewed a copy of a 2005 aerial photo from Natural Resource Services. Mr. Faneuf proposed planting 10 red maples trees and 10 high bush blueberries. He said that he spoke to Marty Jalonski at the DEP and he is most concerned about the 200 foot riverfront area.

Mr. Daniel gave the members permission to go on his property. He is having surgery in two weeks and would like to plant the red maples in the spring, but can plant the blueberries in the fall. Mr. Faneuf said that he will draw up a proposal with a site plan. Mr. Bousquet proposed having Mr. Daniel use posts with signs on them. Mr. Daniel asked how many posts would need to be installed and how big the signs would have to be. Mr. Bousquet replied that he would only need a couple of posts with small signs on them.

Ms. Plasse said that she would like Mr. Faneuf to attend the next meeting with his plan. Mr. Plasse said that he would call DEP Tuesday morning concerning the amount of plantings. Mr. Pitler said that there would be penalties if the plan is not completed. He also added that the DEP may also impose penalties. Mr. Faneuf said that he would e-mail the plan to the secretary would be in turn send a copy to all the members for review.

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Ms. Plasse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 19th meeting. Mr. Bousquet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Under new business, Mr. Plasse read aloud a site inspection report about flooding issues on Castagnaro Way. Ken Bianchi, Town Administrator, and Mr. Plasse conducted a site visit of the properties involved. Mr. Bousquet said that the 12" pipe might be blocked causing all the flooding. He suggested flushing out the pipe. Mr. Plasse said that the DPW could probably do that job. He told Mr. Bianchi that the Conservation Commission would work with them. Mr. Bianchi will attend our next meeting to discuss this issue.

Under old business, Mr. Plasse read aloud a site inspection report for Irene Croteau's property on 134 Blackstone Street. Mrs. Croteau attended the July 19th meeting with complaints of flooding to her property from her next door neighbor. Mr. Bousquet and Mr. Plasse conducted the site inspection. It seems that the house is built on a concrete slab with asphalt paving on the sides and back of the house. The asphalt did not appear to slope away from the house and drainpipes for roof runoff emptied directly onto the asphalt. They suggested that they remove the asphalt in the back of the house and replace it with a more pervious materials like gravel or vegetation. It would also help if they could direct roof runoff away from the house into drywells or a vegetated area in the back yard. Mr. Bousquet said that the neighbor's property is wooded, and he could not determine if that property was causing the flooding on the Croteau's property. A copy of the report will be sent to Mrs. Croteau and Rep. Jennifer Callahan's office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Larue
Secretary