

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

James Plasse, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room in the Town Hall.

Present Were:

James Plasse	James Pitler
Lisa Brita	Maggie Plasse
Tamara Heiselmeyer	

Absent Was:

Beverly Wilson

Town of Blackstone – Request for Determination of Applicability to determine whether the work depicted on the plans submitted is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and whether the area and/or work depicted on the plans is subject to the jurisdiction of any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw. The proposed work consists of removing portions of the existing bituminous concrete pavement and re-paving.

Eric Las from Beals and Thomas was present as the town's representative. Mr. Las said that this project was given a negative determination when it came before the Commission last year. This revised plan has some minor revisions. He said that the Selectmen were concerned with the use of porous asphalt. They wanted traditional asphalt used in the re-paving process. The raised crosswalk has been removed from the revised plan. Mr. Las also said that the retention area has been refigured. It will now empty into the cistern underground. He said that there will also be a net reduction of impervious area. Mr. Las said that the sis turn is a precast tank that is 17 feet long by 10 feet wide.

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

Mrs. Brita made a motion to grant the Town of Blackstone a negative Determination of Applicability. Ms. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Gary Pacitto, 10 St. Germain Ave., Blackstone, MA – Mr. Pacitto, who was present at the meeting, has submitted a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions. All the members and Mr. Pacitto were given a copy of a letter from Natural Resource Services, Inc. The letter contained recommendations from Scott Rabideau. Mr. Pacitto was in agreement with Mr. Rabideau's recommendations. He said that it would take two days to remove and three days to replace the blocks.

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Ms. Plasse said that she doesn't want to see a lot of rain occurring, before the replacement blocks are put in place. Mr. Pacitto agreed.

Ms. Plasse made a motion to amend the Order of Conditions with the recommendations from Natural Resource Services. Mrs. Heiselmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Michael Suprenant, the new Superintendent of Public Works, was present at the meeting to submit a Notice of Intent for the Town of Blackstone for a drainage project on Park, Summer, and Farm Streets. The hearing will be on the agenda for the Commission's October 3rd meeting. The members unanimously agreed to have Natural Resource Services review the Notice of Intent before the next meeting.

The secretary asked the members for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Brita made a motion to nominate James Plasse for Chairman. Ms. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Mr. Plasse asked the members for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs. Brita made a motion to nominate James Pitler. Ms. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Mrs. Brita made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 15th meeting. Mrs. Heiselmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

The members unanimously agreed to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that they terminate Beverly Wilson's appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Mrs. Brita 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