

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

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	Lisa Brita
Maggie Plasse	James Pitler
Tamara Heiselmeyer	

Absent Was:

Beverly Wilson

Mr. Briscoe Lang of Pare Engineering Corp. was present to discuss a bridge repair off of Bridge Street. Mr. Lang said that the bridge is 122 years old and is obsolete. It needs to be updated for the Providence and Worcester Railroad. The cars are too heavy for the bridge. Mr. Lang said that it will be a super structure replacement. The bridge will be removed with a crane. There will be no blasting. Mr. Lang said that no work will be done in the water or the wetlands, and there will be no work done in the bordering vegetated wetlands. Mr. Lang said that it will take about four to six months for the permit application. He will be filing of Notice of Intent with the Commission in the future.

Mr. Pitler said that he is concerned about a conflict of interest, since Pare Engineering does work for the Town of Blackstone. Mr. Lang said that he would check into that.

Mike Weaver of Guerriere & Halnon and Domenic Afonso was present to discuss property on Crestwood Drive. Mr. Afonso would like to donate an eighteen acre parcel of land to the town for open space to be designated as conservation land. The property is Map 27, Lot 85. The Commission asked the secretary to send a letter to Dan Keyes, the Town Administrator, requesting that he contact the town's attorney concerning this matter.

Mr. Weaver said that Mr. Afonso would like to build on Map 27, Lot 78, Crestwood Drive, and submitted a proposed plan. Mrs. Plasse said that she would like to have Natural Resource Services (NRS) review the plan. The members agreed to send the proposed plan to NRS.

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Dan Keyes, Town of Blackstone – The hearing was continued from the October 3rd meeting. Notice of Intent for drainage project on Farm, Park, and Summer Streets associated with the Meadows at Harris Pond subdivision project. Mike Suprenaut, the Department of Public Works Director, was present at the hearing. He said that he had met with Howard Bailey and the engineer hasn't provided him with any information or plans yet. Mr. Suprenaut requested a continuation of the hearing until the last meeting in January 2012.

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

Mr. Suprenaut said that the Dept. of Public Works would pay the Woonsocket Call bill for advertising the hearing.

Paul Mandeville, 162 Blackstone Street, has requested a one year extension of his negative Determination of Applicability.

Ms. Plasse made a motion to grant Mr. Mandeville a one year extension. Mrs. Heiselmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Mrs. Brita made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 3rd meeting. Ms. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

The secretary's payroll sheet and Natural Resource Services invoice was signed by all members present.

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