

BLACKSTONE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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
Tamara Heiselmeyer

Absent Were:

James Pitler

Beverly Wilson

Gary Pacitto, 10 St. Germain Avenue, Blackstone, MA - Mr. Pacitto was present at the hearing. He has filed an Abbreviate Notice of Intent to replace his retaining wall along Lake Hiawatha. Mr. Pacitto said that last winter ripped apart his retaining wall. The wall is 3 ½ feet high and 135 feet long. The new wall will be in the footprint of the existing wall. Mr. Pacitto said that they are proposing to use a silt sock in the water.

The contractor will be installing the septic system at the same time as the retaining wall. He will be using a silt fence during the septic system construction. Mr. Pacitto said that the septic has Board of Health approval.

Mr. Pacitto said that the contractor will be using 1 ½ inch compacted gravel behind and under the wall. He will also use fabric along the stone so the water doesn't penetrate the stone. The secretary said that she had spoken with Tonya Brainard of Natural Resource Services, and she made some recommendations for the project. Tonya recommended that a siltation curtain be used for erosion control. She also recommended that one section of the retaining wall be replaced at a time. Lastly, she recommended that the Commission inspect the property at the end of the first work day to make sure erosion control is adequate. Mr. Pacitto said that replacing one section of the wall at a time could be costly, and he would consult with his contractor.

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

Ms. Plasse made a motion to approve the project with Tonya's recommendations, as stated above. Mrs. Brita seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

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Ms. Plasse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the March 7th meeting. Mr. Plasse seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

Ms. Plasse made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 14th meeting. Mrs. Heiselmeyer seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Unanimous Vote.

All the members present signed the secretary's payroll sheet and a reimbursement for Mrs. Heiselmeyer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Larue
Secretary