



TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: Roger DeBruyn (Co Chair)
Joe Collins
Carol Platenik
Joseph Gallo
Angela Panaccione (Agent)

Members Absent: Michele Restino (Co Chair)
Joe Coan
Steve Phifer

Also Present: No Public Present

Meeting Opens: 7:15 PM – Roger DeBruyn (Co Chair)

7:15 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP # 117-0259: Lot 1 Apple Road – Joe Ciesla

Brian Waterman submitted a request for a Certificate of Compliance for the work regulated by a final Order of Conditions issued to Joe Ciesla, dated May 9, 2006, for property located at Lot 1 Apple Road (Assessors Map 4 E 2.1), Brimfield, MA. The project was for the construction of a single family home with associated septic, well, drive. A site visit was conducted on July 10, 2015. The as built structures are in compliance with the approved plans and document, though the limit of work approved was encroached on by the lawn. Additionally, condition 16 was never met which required a permanent limit of work marked by native vegetation planted every 40-feet.

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to issue the Certificate of Compliance for a Complete Certification of the Order of Conditions DEP # 117-0259, with the perpetual condition # 2 & 16: Homeowner shall maintain a permanent wetland boundary in which no work shall commence past said boundary

Motion Seconded by Carol Platenik

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:18 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP # 117-0261: Lot 3 Apple Road – Joe Ciesla

Brian Waterman submitted a request for a Certificate of Compliance for the work regulated by a final Order of Conditions issued to Joe Ciesla, dated May 23, 2006, for property located at Lot 3 Apple Road (Assessors Map 4 E 2.3), Brimfield, MA. The project was for the construction of a single family home with associated septic, well, drive. A site visit was conducted on July 10, 2015. The as built structures are in compliance with the approved plans and document, though the limit of work approved was encroached on by the lawn. Additionally, condition 16 was never met which required a permanent limit of work marked by native vegetation planted every 40-feet.

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to issue the Certificate of Compliance for a Complete Certification of the Order of Conditions DEP # 117-0261, with the perpetual condition # 2 & 16: Homeowner shall maintain a permanent wetland boundary in which no work shall commence past said boundary

Motion Seconded by Carol Platenik

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:20 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance DEP # 117-0285: 6 Wales Road Shirley A. Backofen

Amy Gerrish submitted a request for a Certificate of Compliance for the work regulated by a final Order of Conditions issued to Shirley A. Backofen, dated April 24, 2007; for property located at 6 Wales Road (Assessors Map 13 A 14), Brimfield, MA. The project was for the replacement of a septic system and the installation of a new well. A site visit was conducted on July 20, 2015. The BOH issued a COC for the Septic and well, and the disturbed area has completely revegetated

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to issue the Certificate of Compliance for a Complete Certification of the Order of Conditions DEP # 117-0285,

Motion Seconded by Joe Collins

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:21 PM Administrative Matters: Sign Payable – MSMCP \$20.00

Motion made by Joe Collins to sign the payable voucher to Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals (MSMCP) in the total amount of \$20.00, for the payment of FY 2016 Membership dues

Motion Seconded by Roger deBruyn

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:23 PM Administrative Matters: Sign Payable – MACC \$333.00

Motion made by Joe Collins to sign the payable voucher to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) in the total amount of \$333.00, for the payment of FY 2016 Membership dues and 6 MACC E-Handbook subscriptions

Motion Seconded by Joseph Gallo

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:25 PM Administrative Matters: Sign Payable – AMWS \$150.00

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to sign the payable voucher to the Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists (AMWS) in the total amount of \$150.00, for the Agent to attend the training Intermittent Streams: The Latest "Must Know" Regulations and Science; on Friday 9/18/15, from 9:00 am -3:30 pm in Chelmsford, MA

Motion Seconded by Carol Platenik

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

7:30 PM Request for an Extension Permit DEP # 117-0292: Scott Tetreault; Sturbridge Road

The Commission received a request from Scott Tetreault to extend the OOC for DEP # 117-0292. It was previously extended in 2012 for 3 years.

Tetreault has never commenced work because he received a notice of possible violation and a potential Superseding Order of Conditions from DEP. No ruling was ever made by DEP. If there is a superseding order of conditions from DEP, the Commission cannot grant an extension, DEP must. Joseph Gallo will contact Tim McKenna, Mass DEP and see if he can determine the status of this project.

7:40 PM Administrative Matters: Minute Approval – June 24, 2015

Motion by Joseph Gallo to approve the minutes from Wednesday June 24, 2015 as written
Motion Seconded by Carol Platenik
No further discussion – 3-0-1 (Roger deBruyn abstains) – Motion Carries

7:42 PM Administrative Matters: Conservation Restriction Letter for OPACUM Land Trust

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to hold a Conservation Restriction for OPACUM Land Trust
Motion Seconded by Joe Collins
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

8:05 PM Administrative Matters: Discuss Lake Sherman Management Plan

The Agent is working with Anna Ozlins, to develop a lake management plan and NOI for Lake Sherman in order to manage nuisance vegetation through the practice of annually drawing-down the Lake and using selective chemical treatments in Lake Sherman. It is the belief of the Town of Brimfield that allowing for an annual drawdown is in the best interest of protecting the multiple interests of recreational home owners, aquatic habitat, flood control, and wetlands.

The objective of the management program is to provide site specific control of high density growth of submersed non-native aquatic plant species, specifically variable watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*), Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), and curlyleaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*) to improve and maintain open water habitat, promote growth of less pervasive native plant species and provide safe recreational access to the lake. Based on the distribution and density of nuisance plant coverage in Sherman Pond it has been concluded the restoration goals of the Town can best be achieved through the integrated management approach that will utilize limited winter drawdown, manual hand-pulling and the prudent use of USEPA/MA DAR registered herbicides.

In order for a drawdown to be effective, the dam at Lake Sherman must also be reconstructed. Most of the historical dam is still intact. The Agent will conduct a site visit to assess the status of the dam, she will speak with the highway department about the dam history and will reach out to Robert Hanna, previous Highway Surveyor, about the dam and the drawdown's he used to perform.

The Commission will continue discuss on this matter at the August 12, 2015 meeting.

Office Closed: Wednesday July 29, 2015

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday August 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM –

Motion made by Joseph Gallo to adjourn 9:30 PM
Motion was seconded by Joseph Collins
No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion Carries

Sincerely Submitted
Angela Panaccione, Conservation Agent