

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of September 27, 2011
Aldrich Hall**

Proposed Minutes

In attendance: AF, DW, EC, WL and BS

7:00 Building & Board of Health Permits:

None

7:15 Administrative Duties:

1. Commentary: BS opined that the purpose of CC site visits should be to observe, interview, photograph, sample; but no administrative decisions should be made by the CC on-site unless the site visit had been posted as per the Open Meeting Laws.
2. Post next meeting: October 11, 2011. BS moved to post the meeting, EC seconded, and all voted to post next meeting.
Approve Minutes: Meeting of September 13, 2011. BS moved to approve minutes as presented, EC seconded, and all voted to approve minutes.
3. CC Financial accounts update (quarterly)
4. Bills to Pay ---- June Hart presented invoice for 4.5 hours for \$67.50. BS moved to approve, seconded, and all voted to approve to pay June.
5. Outreach/Education AF interested in upcoming wetlands seminar.
6. Notices (ZBA): None
7. Announcements/News: None
8. Con Com Web site update None
9. New members for Con Com: None
10. Site Visits to be scheduled. Forge Pond site (Partyka), CVS, Morgan St water line.

Discussion (Case Files)

148 Pleasant St-Chapter 61A Release Request

Town is considering a "right of first refusal" buy out purchase of a 2 acre portion of the Allen parcel off Pleasant Street. It is reported that 2 acres will be removed from APR and added to the 3 acre homestead to yield a 5 acre "small farm" parcel. First, the CC wants to find if the subject parcel is contiguous other Commission-owned parcels. By the MGL 61A statute, there is a 90-day option purchase window on the property. The seller reportedly is under agreement at \$195,000 for the entire parcel including the dwelling. The Commission suggests meeting with the Selectboard to discuss the situation.

FMJ Realty Letter-land purchase

Potential land for purchase is 150 acres bordering Forge Pond in Granby. If land is purchased, Commission would consider adding a footbridge and hiking trails for community access to and through the site. Owned by Joseph F. Partyka. Commission suggests a site visit and discussing this situation during an upcoming Selectboard meeting.

Gravel Permits-2011-2012

Agricultural Wetland Exemptions

Appointments/Public Hearings:

Time	GCC#	DEP#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	Name/Owner/Rep
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New Business:

Based up the recent CC site visit to the Miriam Courtois' property on Thursday, September 22, 2011, the Commission decided it would be prudent to review the agricultural regulations of 310 CMR. The Commission reviewed the on-line deeds, property maps, and plans of Miriam Courtois and abutter, Ryan Voiland. The site visit considered Ms. Courtois' claim that Mr. Voiland was violating the Wetlands Protection Act.

Mr. Peter LaBarbera came in to discuss our newly implemented M.G.L. c. 44, § 53G fees and language. The Commission discussed whether the Grandview Project would be subject to these regulations. Peter will be added to the CC consultants list.

Adjournment:

BS motioned to adjourn, seconded, all voted to adjourn meeting at 9:26pm