

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of April 24, 2012  
Aldrich Hall**

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Minutes

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Meeting called to order 7:09 pm BS, EC, AF, PK, WL present. Quorum met.

**7:00 Building & Board of Health Permits:**

107 Kendall St., Bob Russo, represented by Cox Carpentry, proposes a 12 x 10 ft deck off SE corner of house, not in buffer zone of wetland, no issues, EC moved to sign, AF second, all voted in favor (BS recused himself because he worked on property in past), CC signed permit

10 Ken Lane, Edward Cardin, 12 x 24 ft proposes a shed behind car port on crushed stone foundation, considered minor project, BS moved to approve, PK 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed by majority, CC signed permit

137 New Ludlow Rd., owner seeks to replace fence along eastern side of property, minor project, BS moved, PK 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor, CC signed permit

**7:15 Administrative Duties:**

1. Commentary:
2. Post next meeting: May 8, 2012  
Approve Minutes: April 10, 2012, motion by EC, 2<sup>nd</sup> PK, all in favor
3. CC Financial accounts update (quarterly)
4. Bills to Pay: none
5. Outreach/Education
6. Notices (ZBA) : none
7. Announcements/News: none
8. Con Com Web site update: on line
9. New members for Con Com: none
10. Site Visits to be scheduled: 109 Cold Hill, 1 May 12

**Discussion (Case Files)**

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**Appointments/Public Hearings:**

Time	GCC#	DEP#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	Name/Owner/Rep
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7:30			Charter Days Update-		
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Jeff Isabelle

Bonfire as part of Charter Days (June 8, 9, 10) for the last 6-7 yrs., built in driveway on Taylor St. side, last year silt fence & straw bale barrier put in place to protect pond, intend on same procedure this year, CC will paint lines on-site in conjunction with Merrs. Merrill and Isabelle.

George Randall, et al.

Re. Temporary truck pull track (300 x 25 ft in size) in driveway, need to lay down a "few" dump truck loads of clay, 6 in. deep +/-, and reportedly still stockpiled on-site from last year. Clay soils will be removed promptly thereafter. Charter Days committee wants to follow same protocol as last year.

CC sought comments from audience: "Not a problem" with a one day event per Mr. Girard; however, he advised that as a horse show is scheduled for the following weekend, it is imperative that

the site be cleaned up before the horse show setup begins.

Technical CC stipulations: entire area be 200 ft setback from pond, they need to install and maintain two "U-shaped" lines of silt fence & straw bales to protect pond, CC requests that the pad be staked out beforehand for CC approval, and the site to be restored no later than Weds. June 13, 2012

BS moved for approval, AF 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor

7:50 RDA 109 Cold Hill, Gail Stefanelli, Mr. Kevin Brooks as wetland consultant, RDA filed for septic repair, mounded system to be installed just outside 100 ft. wetland buffer, scheduled site visit for Tuesday May 1, 5:15 pm, BS moved for continuance of RDA hearing to May 8, 7:30 pm., EC 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor.

8:00 Ms. Janice Stone - South Hadley & Hadley Conservation Commission

CC is pleased to converse with Ms. J. Stone regarding a possible Granby Wetlands Bylaw. Ms. Stone is on the current MACC board and agent for both S. Hadley and Hadley ConsComs. Janice reports that S. Hadley has an established wetlands bylaw, and had ? a no disturb zone policy that was being violated, #1 priority was to protect that 50 ft. no work zone (called Conservation Zone in bylaw), also wanted to protect vernal pools in town (wanted 50 ft buffer for pool of any size—compromised to those greater than 500 sq. ft. in area). Ms. Stone stressed importance of having exemptions for private homeowners. SH wanted to institute filing fees, but subsequently had to delete certain aspects of the bylaw that were administrative. Ultimately SH established a local appeals board because townspeople were opposed to the standard appeals process (only avenue was through Superior Court - costly). The original Bylaw did not have Selectboard or Planning Board support; however, it had a strong group of dedicated townspeople. Ms. Stone recommends Granby host a series of public forums for townspeople to provide input commentary. For the matter of cases of Conservation Zone encroachments, SH CC asks for compensation in return (not monetary in nature, but additional plantings, wildlife habitat enhancements) as a mitigation tool.

BS: Granby should consider no work zone as well as workable enforcement procedure.

J. Stone: Recommends enacting MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D Non-Criminal Disposition Act for enforcement of wetlands protection instead of writing it into our own bylaw.

Also provided Hadley's bylaw as example (crafted by late A. Dawson)

### Old Business:

Re: Barton St. estate lot, lot B-2.9-File # WE 165-0302, Mr. Brooks reports withdrawal of NOI filing by Rebecca & Christopher Twine for driveway. Accepted by CC.

### Adjournment:

9:40 pm motion to adjourn PK, 2<sup>nd</sup> WL, all in favor