

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting of March 13, 2012  
Aldrich Hall**

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**Proposed Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7pm w/ BS, WL, AF, EC, DW, PK present. Guest – M. Stinson, DEP.

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

Ms. Karen Belanger 149 East Street, proposed addition to house. CC viewed DEP maps remotely. Determination, no wetlands issue.

Mr. Quinlan, 68 Taylor Street, proposed barn, 467-9074. Following map review, a March 23 site visit was set.

Mr. K. Lee of 59 Aldrich Street, proposed a tree for removal located 20 ft from pavement, but not in the Town right of way; however, does represent a threat to public utilities. Project location was remotely measured to be 200ft +/- from the river. Accordingly, CC determined that the arborist, may cut the tree to grade, but not remove the stump.

Mr. Andy Crane Jr. of Chicopee, MA, representing *Home for the Troops*, proposes a 48 Chicopee Street dwelling. EC recused himself from discussion as he has done work for Builder. CC requires no cutting of trees shall occur until a CC site visit is conducted. CC will waive its \$65 fee as a courtesy to the veteran, 594-2450.

**7:15 Administrative Duties:**

1. Commentary: Discussed successful conference  
Administrative: CC need laser pointer and clip board
2. Post next meeting: March 27, 2012, 7 pm Aldrich Hall  
Approve Minutes: February 28, 2012. 1<sup>st</sup> BS, 2<sup>nd</sup> AF all voted in favor to approve.
3. CC Financial accounts update (quarterly). BS to obtain current data.
4. Bills to Pay: none presented
5. Outreach/Education: none
6. Notices (ZBA): none
7. Announcements/News:none
8. Con Com Web site update: none
9. New members for Con Com:
10. Site Visits to be scheduled: 48 Chicopee, Barton St, 68 Taylor.

**Discussion (Case Files)**

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**Appointments/Public Hearings:**

Time	GCC#	DEP#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTIONName/Owner/Rep
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7:30 pm **“NOI”**

A Notice of Intent filed by Christopher & Rebecca Twine for a proposed construction of driveway within the buffer Zone of a BVW/Wet Meadow for a single-family house on 9.33 Acres. The house and on-site septic system are over 100 ft from the BVW/Wet Meadow, with

regards to property located on Barton Street (Lot B-2.9 Barton St.—East of #34) and known as Map 4 Block B Parcel 2.9 (9.33 Acres), in the Town of Granby.

EC recused himself from discussions as he has conducting prior work activities for Mr. Galusha. Mr. Brooks represented the applicant on this matter and described the proposed work activities which include a proposed single-family driveway with an associated embankment and culvert.

A number of neighbors from Countryview Lane were in attendance for hearing as was Mr. Galusha. Several neighbors expressed concerns of possible drainage related issues. Following the discussions, the CC decided to conduct a site visit on Friday, March 23.

CC voted to continue hearing to 7:30 on the 27 March 2012, all in favor, 1<sup>st</sup> DW 2<sup>nd</sup> BS

### **Old Business:**

8:00 pm (ongoing matters at Ken Lane)

Mark Stinson-Department of Environmental Protection was present to assist in clarifying the ongoing situation at Ken Lane. Members of the Gaspari and Jimmo families were present to discuss the matter. As W. Shaheen recused himself from discussions, Mr. Chapdelaine chaired the proceedings.

A resident of 14 Ken Lane, Ms. Gaspari cited alleged neighborhood wetland issues and referred to an existing wetlands mapping document prepared for her septic system repair in 2009. She reports that Mr. Jimmo has been recently clearing trees from his property. Mr. Jimmo's property abuts the Gaspari property to the North and East.

As evidence, Ms. Gaspari offered a RDA/DOA, dated Oct 27, 2009, which depicts a wetland delineation line. Mr. Stinson stated the depicted line is only a guide in this situation, not an accepted or approved wetland boundary as DOA "Box 2b" was not checked on the WPA Form 2 prepared by the Commission.

Consequently, Mr. Stinson recommended Ms. Gaspari file a new RDA (WPA Form 1) to determine an accurate wetland boundary, whence a determination may be made whether impacts to wetlands are occurring. Stinson stated that any citizen of the Commonwealth may file an RDA for any other property; however, this procedure does not guarantee legal access to the property to permit establishment of an accurate delineation.

Accordingly, the CC cannot issue any enforcement order until a formal and accurate wetland delineation has been conducted and approved by the Commission.

In response, Mr. Jimmo stated he will not allow conservation commissioners or others onto his property.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> BS 2<sup>nd</sup> EC.