

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting of Sept 10, 2013
10 West State Street, Senior Center Building
Proposed Minutes**

In attendance: BS, EC, DW, AF, WL, and KC (assistant).
Called to order by EC at 7:01pm

7:00 **Administrative Duties:**

1. Commentary: The CC would like to redesign the meeting agenda format. AF and DW will be key developers.
2. Post next meeting: EC posted for Sept 24th 2013 at 7pm (DW will not be available)
3. Approve Minutes: 8/27/13 Minutes, AF motioned to approve the minutes as written, DW sec'd, all voted in favor - approved .
4. CC accounts update (quarterly) - #####-509 LOC 171 Collins, Kasie D 1068
5. Bills to Pay -- Invoice from Kasie Collins \$97.50 for 6.5 Hours. BS motioned to approve as invoiced. AF sec'd. All voted in favor.
6. Outreach/Education-Plant of the Week -
7. Notices (ZBA).
7. Announcements/News: none
8. Con Com Web site update: none
9. New members for Con Com: none
10. Site Visits to be scheduled: TBD

7:15 **Building & Board of Health Permits:**

Gary and Ann Sheehan - 154 Batchelor St - Proposed 12'x18' shed for storage on gravel. On-line mapping shows approximately 200ft from a perennial stream. AF moved to sign the permit. DW sec'd. All in favor to approved.

George Regmund - 121 Taylor St-- Proposed 24'x30' barn/workshop on a concrete slab. Review on-line aerial photos. DW motioned to approved. EC sec'd. All voted in favor to approve; permit signed.

David J. LaFleur, Contractor (previously had a DOA negative 3 from May 7, 2013) Map 14 Block 8 Parcel 4-12 Lot A and B house building- Batchelor St. EC recused himself. AF motioned to approve. DW sec'd. All voted approved.

Linda Courchesne - 144 School Street - Proposed carport 24' x 41' steel. Reviewed aerial photos. Upland, no wetland issues. AF motioned to approve and sign. EC sec'd. All voted approved.

Discussion (Case Files)

8:00 - Benjamin Wright, Land Conservation Specialist for Kestrel Land Trust Partyka and Granby Woods---

In regards to applying for a Forest Legacy Grant (Match Grant) to submit 2013, to create "non-buildable lots". ConCom had previously submitted a letter of support in 2012. Also looking to fill in "gaps" in conservation land on the Mt. Holyoke Range by merging any new land acquisitions with DCR land.

Complaints:

Mr. and Mrs. Neylon - 2 Amherst Street (commercial building) - Experiencing "excess water" on property.. Insurance building/business was built 6 or 7 years ago. Back area behind the building used to only have water after rainstorms. Since construction of the Granby Housing Authority ("GHA"), the back area now has standing water, also creating reported mosquito problems. The Amherst St sewer interceptor line is apparently carrying groundwater in the pipe bedding gravel continuously. Additionally, extensive clear cutting on the Lamareoux property to the east/ up gradient also seems to be a contributing factor. Scheduled to come back in one month (8Oct2013) meeting for an update at 8:00pm

Re: GHA housing project, HW Moore (Boston, MA - site engineer) Jim White, P.E. was contacted by BS on 9/10/2013, as ConCom had previously determined that the detention basin as-built appears significantly undersized, as compared to that drawn on the design plan. BS notified HW Moore that a certificate of compliance will not be issued as previously discussed by CC; and alerted HW Moore of the neighbor's complaint. Jim White reports he will contact the project architect. Additional discussion was made re: filing an RDA through Granby DPW to possibly create a swale to divert some of the excess water (under the General OOC - Highway Maintenance). ConCom will continue to be in contact with GHA. Advised Mr. Neylon to talk to the Selectmen to talk to Dave Desrosier for help.

Comment: CC should entertain a "Big-picture" discussion about the future development of the Rt 202 corridor and whether or not drainage related issues will be of continuous concern.

Appointments/Public Hearings:

Time	GCC#	DEP#	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Name/Owner/Rep				

1) **At 7:30: "NOI"** - Filed by Tammy Sarno, Executor for the estate of Richard Laramee for a proposed repair of an on-site septic system with regards to property located at 134 Batchelor Street and known as Map 9--3 in the Town of Granby.

Legal Ad read by EC

-- Represented by Bob Sheehan Jr. and Steven Laplante. (Rec'd official notification to abutter's) On-site septic system. EC--- disclosed that he did a mortgage inspection survey and is acquainted with the 1st party buying the parcel (did not recuse because we would not have a quorum). Single family home, current septic system failed Title 5. BOH ordered 1 well of the 2 wells on the property be abandoned. BOH approved this plan on Aug 13, 2013. Kevin Brooks delineated the wetlands. Leeching facility is <50ft from the wetland buffer. Returning to grade within the buffer, but the actual facility is outside the wetland buffer.

2) **At 7:45: "RDA"** Follow up- filed by Westover Metropolitan Dev'p Corp to see whether the work depicted on plans referenced is subject to the Wetland Protection Act with regards to property located at 230 East St and known as Map 6-B-B-10 in the Town of Granby.

Old Business:

8:30 Amended NOI Con't Grandview Farms Estates- West Street

Reopened at 8:47 pm. Greg Newman (ConCom consultant) is in attendance. Mike Schaffer was not in attendance. Discussion about the stormwater issues not being complied with or addressed by Mr. Schaffer.

Rec'd Greg Newman's report documents (should already have a copy on file from 2012).

BS made motion to close the hearing.

Discussion: of notifying the owners that we are intending to close the hearing as no technical progress in resolving the outstanding issues as occurred for a lengthy period of time. Commission is requesting that we send them a letter saying that we are going to close the hearing 9/24/13 sent certified mail to Mike Schaffer, Land Owner, Application Representative. Kasie is going to draft a letter by 13 Sept. Everyone will review, Ed will officially sign and will mail by USPS certified mail over the weekend.

BS withdraws his motion. AF motioned that a certified letter is sent to the 3 parties saying that someone needs to show up to the next meeting showing substantial technical progress in resolving the outstanding issues or the hearing will be officially motioned to close. Sec'd DW. All voted in favor to send the letter.

AF made motion to continue the meeting at 8:30pm on 9/24/13. DW sec'd. All voted in favor to continue.

2013-2014 Gravel Permit Renewals. no update available.

Meeting adjournment: 9:57 pm all vote in affirmative.