



TOWN OF GROVELAND  
MASSACHUSETTS 01834

**BOARD:** CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
**TOPIC:** Monthly Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** November 13, 2013  
**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall Meeting Room  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Dempsey, J. Aalto, T. Schaefer, C.Keene, B.Eardley  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Grim, A. Dalton  
**RECORDER:** J. Hauss

The meeting opened at 7:38 p.m.

**A. Lower Center Street- Discussion of abuttor complaints.**

Jeff Aalto sent a letter to Robert Arakalian (Road Commissioner) regarding lower Center Street and has not received any response yet. Aalto said there are 2 culverts and one is affected by the beavers. Arakalian doesn't want to pursue this because of lack of funds. Flooding hasn't been an issue because of dry autumn season. There needs to be a long term solution. It has been 2 years since the problem has been identified. Aalto would like find a resolution for this like get some funding or just fix it.

Aalto did have a direct conversation with Arakalian and it was stated there are lack of funds.

Arakalian said he would just rather just maintain it.

2 of the culverts are not in great shape. Leaves need to be cleared out. The maintenance plans call for regular visits for clean out. We are not meeting what is supposed to be done. There is a lack of responsiveness from Mr. Arakalian.

Dempsey said there is an opportunity for funding. Maintenance requirements are not being met. The maintenance logs are not updated.

The Conservation Commission will give Mr. Arakalian a schedule. Aalto sent an email stating they will review maintenance logs and pay close attention to this problem.

Dempsey said they would meet with the Selectmen and give them some solutions to the problem. Dempsey said these are no cost solutions. .

Aalto said could we acquire the equipment which would cost about \$1500.00.

Dempsey will make up a list and meet with Lewandowski to set up with Selectmen.

**B. Sewell Street NOI/GNOI continued hearing on sedimentation pond.**

Information from Atty. Milan was received with clarifications. A number or resources like design point where the Riverfront area.

FEMA data was added.  
The basin hasn't been working.  
/The project is outside the study area.  
There is more flood storage capacity.

Keene asked if there was a water test.  
Milan said there hasn't been any water.

The bottom elevation of basin is 74 ½ and to the berm its 79. There is a difference of 4 ½.

Keene asked what the condition of the water was in the first year.  
(Answer) We don't know because it depends what is in the water.

Eardley asked instead of having the overflow go into the wetlands it will go into this pipe.

Dempsey said we should add a condition that says you need to prove there is nothing exiting the pond on a yearly basis.

Keene said we need some sort of guarantee stating nothing is coming out of there.

Keen said if sediment is so fine, what would be the next level using a chemical that make sediment to stick together so sediment will be bigger.

Result will be at the pre-construction meeting.

Paul DiBiasi asked how is the berm going to be grated and won't be on my property.  
The land will be crowned.  
The overland flow coming from Sewell Street property will not go on the DiBiasi property.

DiBiasi would like the applicant to clean up all the silt and take off the pipe which is on his land.  
He would like this part of the conditions.

Dempsey said this is not part of the Conservation Commission jurisdiction.  
The ConCom can and will encourage the applicant to fix the problem on the DiBiasi property.

Dempsey said if sedimentation pond is built to alleviate sediment and this is going into the wetlands.

Security of Sight- There was gates which were knocked down . There are boulders in place about 2 feet apart. A motorcycle could get in not an ATV.

Dempsey asked why not fence in the property? There are many access road to get into this property.

Order of Conditions:  
Steve will send a revised plan.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motions to approve sedimentation based on what was discussed at tonight’s meeting with conditions as reviewed by commission. Keene seconds the motion. **(Voted: 5-0)**.  
This closes hearing and is approved.

**C.764 Salem Street owned by Steve Moran**

As a request from the BOS, Keene and Eardley went on a site visit on Sunday and measurements were taken.

Moran would come to the ConCom to bring the property to compliance. Brad observed piles of brush, dirt and some cars.

Moran had pulled some trash out of the water. Everything except for 1 area was away from the 100ft. buffer zone.

Eardley suggested to get rid of pile of metal and there is nothing near the 100 ft. buffer. The area 100-200 ft. buffer should be clean. What would the commission want Moran to do? What would be the time frame for the total clean-up?

Dempsey will issue a letter stating Moran will remove everything between April 15 to July 1, 2014.

**Other Business:**

**Certificate of compliance request from Carl Keene (03-0326)**

The certificate was signed by the members.

Keene recused himself because he asked for a waiver for a COG fee for the certificate of compliance.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motions to waive the fee. Schaffer seconds the motion. **(Voted: 4-0)**.

**Zachary Path Earth Removal**

When working 50ft. from buffer, hay bales should be placed in the area. Hay bales will be placed there.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motions to close hearing and approve the plans. Zachary Lane gravel removed with changes marked on the plan from the site visit. Keene seconds the motion. **(Voted: 5-0)**.

**10 Garrison Street-Bill Dunn**

Dempsey said he rode by the property.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motioned to adjourn meeting. Eardley seconds the motion. **(Voted: 5-0)**.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2013.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_