

**HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2013

*Approved at the 6/11/13meeting*

PRESENT: Paul Alexanderson, Chair; Edwin Matuzsko; Jim Hafner; Gary Pelissier; Steve Szymkowicz; and Janice Stone, Conservation Staff. Paulette Kuzdeba excused (sick child). Mark Stinson present from DEP.

**1. 7:00 PM Notice of Intent #170-XXX** filed by M. Forget & I. Rule for construction of a single family his house in the 100-year floodplain at *83 Bay Road*. Mr. Forget told the Commission he had been working on the compensatory storage and just submitted the Notice to DEP today. No file number yet. The 100-year flood elevation on the site is at 124'. They will construct the house with smart vents and a crawl space. He has hired Mr. Holmberg to do the survey of the property, and Mr. Reynolds to figure out the compensatory storage. There will be a deed restriction on the compensatory storage. He handed out plans with the comp storage calculations and the elevation certificate. Mark Stinson from DEP told him he needed to provide the Commission and DEP with a table that shows the square footage lost (filled) and compensated (cut) for each foot of floodplain elevation. The hearing must be continued to next month, to have time for DEP review and file number, and for applicant to provide more detailed compensatory storage information. Edwin made the motion, seconded by Gary, to continue to May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7 PM. All voted in favor.

**2. 7:10 PM Request for Determination** filed by Hadley DPW for a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) to apply herbicides when needed to roadsides within buffer zones or resource areas at proposed mapped locations in town. Ed Koehler present from DPW to answer questions. He explained that they have a boom mower which they use to control weeds along public roadsides, but they cannot use it at guardrails so must use other means to control vegetation such as poison ivy. Only one other town has done this VMP for roadside spraying. They must follow the Dept of Agriculture's regulations regarding spraying near wetlands, wells, rare species habitat etc., and get the Conservation Commission's approval for areas within their jurisdiction. They must use a licensed sprayer. The spraying will be about a foot in on the far side of the guardrail, and a couple feet on the road side of the guardrail. Their consultant has created some maps showing the proposed locations for spraying that are near wetlands or Riverfront Areas. Commission needs to approve these locations. Janice will field check the plans and report back to Commission. Gary made the motion, seconded by Jim to continue to next Conservation Commission meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. All voted in favor.

**3. 7:30 PM Notice of Intent #170-217 continued.** Filed by D. Ramsay for construction of an addition to his house in the Riverfront Area and 100-year floodplain at *101 Honey Pot Road*. Mr. Ramsay provided more information on the footprint, compensatory storage and Riverfront mitigation. The finished floor will be a foot above the 100-year floodplain elevation of 125.7 here. There is no enclosure below the floor; it will be on sono tubes/piers. The flood storage is calculated at less than one cubic yard total. He proposes to plant six native shrubs along his

eastern boundary as mitigation for work in Riverfront Area. He is checking with the Building Inspector as to whether he needs to get a structural engineer. Edwin made the motion, seconded by Steve, to approve the project. All voted in favor. Hearing closed.

**4. 7:45 PM Discussion** with Mark Stinson from DEP about *how to regulate Riverfront Activities*. In particular the Commission wanted to get feedback from DEP on how to deal with unpermitted camping and trailers along the CT River shoreline in town. Sometimes there are several trailers on one parcel, there for around 5 months. People have to file to remove a tree along the shoreline or to request permission to do other work in the Riverfront Area and 100-year floodplain, yet no one is filing for putting a trailer on or near the shoreline each year. What do other towns on the River do? Mr. Stinson stated that he is not aware of any other towns on the River having this problem, or a policy on it. There are trailer parks or campgrounds along the River (Bernardston, Charlemont), but not the individual camping as in Hadley. He suggested creating a brochure similar to the one he created for the Landscapers, for homeowners on the River. It would explain when a permit is required for activities along the River. Also consider using the handouts MACC has created on the Wetlands Protection Act. The Commission explained that for now no one is getting a permit from the Planning Board or Board of Health for these sites. They are supposed to get a Special Permit from the Planning Board, but that is so difficult, costly and time-consuming that no one does, and no one gets penalized for not having one either. Mr. Stinson suggested distributing a brochure to each landowner along the river, and set up a time during Conservation Commission meetings for people to come and ask questions. Perhaps leave them at Building Inspector's office for people to pick up these brochures.

**5. Other Business. Lawrence Plain Road complaints.** T. Mieczkowski came in to speak to the Commission again about *Lawrence Plain Road* and Board of Health concerns. He gave a copy of his information to Mr. Stinson for Charlie Kleins (Health Agent at DEP). Mr. Mieczkowski claims there is new dumping of yard waste in the ravine in back of Cedar Reach. **Minutes** for March not ready yet.

**6. 8:30 PM ADJOURNMENT.** Ed made the motion to adjourn. Steve seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Janice Stone

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