

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 1, 2012

Members present: Dave Barnicle, Chairman, Jeff Bonja, Ed Goodwin, Donna Grehl, Wendy Lilly-Hanson and Calvin Montigny (Alternate Member).

Members absent: Joe Kowalski (Alternate Member)

Also Present: Erin Jacque, Conservation Agent, Michael Barry, Val Quink, Linda Seguin and John Holdcraft.

7:00 PM-Open Meeting - Quorum check
As time allows

COMMITTEE UPDATES

CPA, PLAC, Trail Committee, Trails Master Plan Steering Committee and Lakes Advisory Committee Update(s).

- EG stated there was no CPA meeting.
- DB stated a decision was made at the PLAC meeting because that the 2 representatives (1 from BOS and 1 from Conservation) will no longer be voting members to the PLAC due to a conflict of interest. DB stated PLAC is asking the BOS for 2 other people from the town to join PLAC.
- DG stated she didn't attend LAC meeting but the annual report was put out and dock regulations were recommended to the BOS. DG stated LAC is giving input in regards to the Master Plan, their planning boating safety workshops and an internship is working on a data base for water quality.
- DB stated LAC went to the BOS meeting Monday night to discuss working as a group with QQLA, East Brookfield, BOS and BOH in Spencer and the need for new licensing for their sewage treatment plant and if there are any questions, call Peter Levine.
- JB stated the TMPSC are compiling results from the online survey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By DG, seconded by JB to accept the 2/12/2012 minutes.

Vote: 4/0.

Walk-ins:

Old Sturbridge Village-Stabilization Plan (Enforcement Order)

- Michael Barry from Baystate Forestry presented the restoration plan for OSV in an area of land east of Old Sturbridge Village Road, to the south of the Quinebaug River that was damaged during the June 1,2011 Tornado. MB stated the total Riverfront area of work is 21,120 square feet and the Sturbridge wetland buffer (100-200') work area is 26,175 square feet. MB stated he has contacted NH

regarding Turtle habitat but has not received any response as of yet. MB stated hay bales are proposed for erosion controls in the areas shown on the restoration plan.

- DB suggested getting recommendation from UMASS extension in regards to plantings and stated only hay bales be used as erosion controls, no silt fence.
- EG stated he would like the critter paths to stay open.
- CM suggested a mix of low growing ornamentals and trees native to the location.
- MB stated the access road that was developed during the emergency work is proposed as an access point in order to maintain the restoration and is proposing gravel to stabilize, covered with loam and seeding the entire road area. MB stated planting within the 25' is specified on the restoration plan.
- EJ stated she would prefer the access road out of the Riverfront area and asked MB to call her if any machinery is going to be on site.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Stallion Hill Road Forest Cutting Plan:

- EJ stated the Forester started the tornado clean up on the 27th and she showed pictures to the Commission.

Wetlands Protection Bylaw Revisions-Work Session scheduled for March 29, 2012:

- EJ stated the work session is scheduled for March 29th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

66 Mount Dan Road:

- DG went out to the site and the hay bales need a jog in them so people can walk thru them.
- EJ stated she sent Dan a letter giving him a May 1st deadline to stabilize the property.

Agent update on Saturday 2/25/12 Budget meeting with the Finance Committee and BOS.

- EJ stated she is in the process of accounting for everything that's done in the office to present to the Finance Committee.

Agent update on Interns: EJ stated she has 2 Interns working on Lakes data base and 2 Interns working on identifying storm water structures on private roads.

Leadmine Conservation Land-retaining wall issue:

- EJ stated there are 12-15 trees growing on top of a retaining wall with the roots undermining the wall. EJ stated she received a letter from Tom Chamberland proposing to remove the trees.

Consensus by the Commission to approve as a Letter Permit.

- EJ stated she will go out to the property prior to work being done.

Heins Farm-Conservation Restriction:

- EJ stated she has gone thru the CR document and made potential changes.
- DG asked what the definition of *temporary* and *impervious surface* in this document mean.
- DB stated *no hunting* was agreed to with the Hein's Family.
- EG would like to see the Purchase and Sale agreement for the Hein's Farm property before approving anything.

Master Plan:

- DB will send specific action items to members of the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Certificate of Compliance:

124 Podunk Road DEP #300-828:

- EJ hasn't done a site visit for this property yet.

6 Regep Lane DEP # 300-720:

MOTION: By JB, seconded by DB to approve the Certificate of Compliance pending the Agents site review and receipt of monies for DEP # 300-720 Lot 3.

Vote: 4/0.

Request for Minor Modifications to Orders of Conditions

Exxon Mobile DEP #300-855:

- EJ stated this is for a minor amendment to include raising the soil up in a cart path section creating more of a buffer between the pipeline and the ground surface. EJ stated she went out to the site and did an erosion control inspection.

MOTION: By JB, seconded by DG to approve the minor modification for Exxon Mobile as submitted.

Vote: 4/0.

Water Works Drive DEP 300-838:

- EJ stated this is for a minor modification for a backup generator on site with a 12'x21' wide and 12" deep pad outside Natural Heritage area.

MOTION: By DG, seconded by JB to approve the minor modification for DEP #300-838.

Vote: 4/0.

Wells State Park SCC #09-47:

- EJ stated this is for repairs to work that was already permitted. EJ stated while staying on the same footprint, geo textile fabric is proposed to be placed under the trail surface to improve drainage. EJ stated she required them to notify NH prior to work getting started and that a Biologist be on site during any work. EJ stated she will be notified when work will take place.

Letter Permits

31 South Shore Drive-Gary Allard:

- EJ stated this plan was submitted to her tonight and shows the remaining work is the installation of the granite steps on the east side of the garage, curb stone on the west side of the garage, granite curb stone on the west side of the driveway replacing the railroad ties and the last 4 water drains (shown on the plan). EJ stated she will encourage completion as a condition of the plan.

Consensus to approve by the Commission.

Signatures

110 South Shore Drive-Determination of Applicability
Easement for Handicapped Accessible Parking Area
SPAHO Conservation Easements
Emergency Certification-Willard Road

8:05 PM SITE VISIT SCHEDULE

Walker Pond Road (Repaving)
Mass Pike resurfacing
Pilot Travel Centers (Verizon underground conduit installation)

ADJOURN

MOTION: By DG, seconded by WLH to adjourn @ 8:50 p.m.
Vote: 4/0.