

**STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**January 19, 2012**

Members present: Dave Barnicle, Chairman, Wendy Lilly-Hansen, Ed Goodwin, Jeff Bonja, Calvin Montigny (Alternate Member) and Joe Kowalski (Alternate Member).

Members absent: Donna Grehl.

Also Present: Erin Jacque, Conservation Agent, David Peterkin, Leslie Duthie, Denise Lachapelle, Richard Paradise, Tom Chamberland, Don Miller, Jenn Guybarski, Jen Ohop, Felicia Andre, Jim Dick, Eric Runstrom, Chelsea Willett and Robert Briere.

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 there was no PLAC meeting.
- DB stated there was no TMPSC meeting.
- DB stated the representative for LAC is not here tonight to report about the meeting.
- Richard Paradise from Trails Committee stated that a TC meeting was held 1/12/12 and provided an update to the Commission

Approval of Minutes: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**MOTION:** By JB, seconded by EG to approve the December 15, 2012 Minutes as submitted.

**Vote: 4/0.**

Walk-ins:

Opacum Land Trust to discuss Hein's Farm Conservation Restriction:

- Don Miller asked Jennifer Ohop, President of Opacum Land Trust how the amount of an endowment is determined.
- JO stated the amount of the endowment is determined on a case by case basis. JO stated that volunteers are used for monitoring. JO suggested if there are certain issues such as no hunting on the property she suggested not putting it in the CR but include it in the rules and regulations.
- EJ suggested a meeting with Opacum to come in and start drafting something for the Commission to consider.

**7:30 p.m. Public Hearing** (Public Hearing to open January 19, 2012) DEP #300-780  
Amended Notice of Intent Application submitted by the Town of Sturbridge for

construction/reconstruction of footbridges, invasive species treatment/removal, trail maintenance and improvement at 10 Shattuck Road/1 Old Sturbridge Village Road and 197 Leadmine Road.

*Meeting opened @ 8:37p.m.*

- TC stated part of Bridge #4 is not supported and is proposing to remove the tailrace and fill the area to complete the trail.
- JB asked the amount of fill being proposed.
- TC stated because of the CR on the property he is proposing using about 6-8 cubic yards of fill from the gravel pit.
- TC stated this will be a gradual slope with top soil and seed.
- JB asked once the area is filled what the slope will be.
- TC stated the slope can be 3 to 1 if that's what the Commission would like.
- Bob Briere stated he is not in favor of filling in the tailrace.
- Randy Redetzke (not signed in) asked if the tail end of the tailrace is filled in.
- TC stated no.
- DB suggested a site visit.
- TC listed the items that still need attention are: cleaning of the culverts, treatment of Phragmites, remove material from the channel, repair of sink holes, exploratory excavation, crossing C (proposing a 3' diameter culvert) and crossing D (proposal of a stream crossing).
- DB asked that the channel be cleaned during dry conditions in August.

*Public Hearing continued to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 @ 7:30 p.m.*

**7:45 p.m. Public Hearing** (Public Hearing to open on January 19, 2012) Review of proposed Land Use Policy includes Land Use and Management Policy items like Trails, Use of Conservation Lands, Rules & Regulations on Conservation Land, Terms of Timber Harvest, Mechanized Vehicle Policies, Handicapped Access, Conservation Restrictions, Management by Parcel, etc.

- EJ stated she is working on a land use policy and is looking to establish 2 sub committee's; one for management and one on policy and gave the frame work of what's been established so far.
- WLH volunteered to chair one of the subcommittee's.
- JB asked if the policy would include private road policy. JB suggested forming a policy subcommittee and waiting on the management one.
- TC volunteered to be on the policy committee and he will get a copy of ACOE to WLH.

*Public Hearing continued to 2/16/12 @ 7:30 p.m.*

**8:15 p.m. Public Hearing** (Public Hearing to open January 19, 2012) DEP #300-0855 Notice of Intent Application submitted by Roux Associates, Inc. on behalf of Exxon

Mobil Pipeline Company for preventative maintenance of petroleum pipeline at 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road.

- JD from Roux Associates, Inc. stated there has been one change on the plan is the access to the site will be from the road so there is no vegetation removal or stream crossings.

**MOTION:** By JB, seconded by EG to approve DEP #300-855.

*Discussion:*

- EJ suggested approving with the same conditions that were required from the previous two Exxon Mobil applications.
- WLH suggested including that Rx29 is not going to be done.

**Vote: 4/0.**

**8:30 p.m.**

Old Sturbridge Village to present restoration plan associated with Enforcement Order issued on 1/5/12.

- EJ stated Brad King from OSV requested an extension to the Enforcement Order deadline until they receive guidance from Natural Heritage which they have a meeting with next week on site. EJ stated that OSV and NH will be at the next Conservation meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaw Regulation Revisions-Schedule work sessions, etc.

- EJ proposed 4 work session dates to the Commission: 3/29/12, 5/31/12, 8/30/12, and 11/29/12.

Tannery Road/Tall Pines Update:

- EJ stated that a follow up site monitoring report was done by Art Allen and all the items of concern have been addressed. EJ stated she will be receiving monthly monitoring reports.

31 South Shore Drive Update:

- EJ stated Gary Allard is in the process of putting an As Built together and hopes to get it to the Commission by February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

66 Mount Dan Road:

- EJ stated she looked at the site today and a tarp has been placed over a stock pile, additional hay bales were installed at the toe of the slope where sediment was accumulating. EJ stated a list was compiled to be completed before the next Conservation meeting and suggested if the items aren't complete the Commission move forward with fining.

Annual Report:

- EJ stated she is in the process of putting together the annual report for Conservation and she will send out a draft to the Commission for comment.

14 Birch Street:

- EJ stated she did a site visit today and showed photos to the Commission and stated Mr. Seman is asking the Commission to approve the extension of additional timber.

*Consensus by the Commission to approve the extension of the additional timber.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for Certificate of Compliance**

3 Ladd Road:

**MOTION:** By JB, seconded by DB to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 3 Ladd Road pending the Agents site visit on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Vote: 4/0.**

**Emergency Certifications**

Wells State Park Culvert Replacement-National Grid:

- EJ stated work was started on Monday to replace the Culverts. EJ stated NG will be filing a Request for Determination to pave the road way between now and April.

**Letter Permits**

479 Main Street-Tree Removal Permit:

- CM stated that he and JK went out to look at the site and suggested the trees still standing be pruned with the exception of one of those trees needing to come down. CM stated 14-15 trees have already been cut into the wetland and his opinion is that the area will re-vegetate.
- EJ asked that the tree to come down be flagged by CM or JK. EJ stated she is concerned with the felled trees being perpendicular to the flow of the water and suggested that they be removed from the property.

*Consensus by the Commission to approve one tree (to be flagged by a Commission member) by the building to come down and the rest of the trees along the building be pruned; the trees that were previously cut and felled into the wetland are to be removed and carried off the property by hand by 2/15/12.*

17 Evergreen Lane:

- EJ stated this is a request for a proposed sun porch on an existing deck on site and the extending of 2 open decks. EJ stated the proposed work will require 9 new pier footings on sonotubes and excavation will be dug by hand with any excess material required for back fill removed from the site.
- DB suggested gravel be placed underneath the area.

*Consensus by the Commission to approve.*

**Forest Cutting Plan**

138 Walker Pond Road-Scott Hengen/Christian Kruger(Proposed change of access and landing, elimination of wetlands crossings).

*Consensus by the Commission to approve.*

**Signatures**

National Grid-Emergency Certification (Wells State Park)

DEP #300-0853-60 South Shore Drive

DEP #300-0855-52 Stallion Hill Road

DEP #300-0856-118 McGilpin Road

**MOTION:** By JK, seconded by DB to adjourn @ 9:47 p.m.

**Vote: 4/0.**