

**STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 2, 2012**

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

Members absent: Jeff Bonja.

Also Present: Erin Jacque, Conservation Agent, John Seguin, Linda Seguin, Jim Decoulos, Tom Chamberland, Gary Allard and an illegible sign in.

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

CPA, PLAC and Lakes Advisory Committee update(s)

- Tom Chamberland stated there was no trail meeting.
- EG stated there was no CPA meeting.
- DG stated LAC met 2 weeks ago and discussed recommendations for the BOS regarding docks and permits.
- TC stated there is a town resident survey on the Town website regarding the TMP.

**Walk-Ins:**

31 South Shore Drive:

- DB stated to Gary Allard of 31 South Shore Drive that the “As Built” is significantly different than the original plan from 2009 and before any work is done the Commission needs to be notified.
- EJ stated when she went out to the site last week she gave GA a verbal cease and desist and showed pictures to the Commission of additional work not on the approved plan.
- EG stated he would like a site visit.

James Decoulos-On behalf of John and Linda Seguin-South Shore Drive:

- JD stated he was at the Conservation meeting to discuss the NOI and RDA that were previously filed by Gary Allard @ 21 South Shore Drive. JD stated in his opinion the Riverfront resource area was incorrectly delineated almost 3 years ago and is asking the Commission to reconsider looking at the resource area again. JD stated he believes fraud was committed in regards to the delineation.

**7:30 p.m. Public Hearing**-(Public Hearing opened January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012) DEP #300-780.

Amended Notice of Intent Application maintenance and improvement at 10 Shattuck Road/1 Old Sturbridge Village Road and 197 Leadmine Road.

- EJ stated this is a proposal for numerous items which are:
  1. Remove Bridge #4 and fill in a small portion of the tailrace (in the area of existing bridge) with material.

2. Bridge #8 to expand the footprint, widening the opening, raising the height of the bridge, taking the bridge further outside the bank, removing the material that's in there now and stabilizing the area that's collapsed.
  3. Cleaning debris out of the culverts underneath the cart path in the sand pit.
  4. Removal of Phragmites.
  5. EJ stated there is also a proposal to clear fallen debris only from the drainage channel that flows from the wetland to the pond.
  6. Repair of sink holes on the trail.
  7. Installing a Culvert at Crossing C.
  8. Installing a bridge at Crossing D.
- EG stated his only concern is the suggestion of channeling the wetland to the north side of the pipe and would not be in favor of that.
  - EJ stated prior to removal of phragmites she requested that F & W do a study from with a F & W Botanist to determine if the phragmites are native or invasive. EJ stated noted conditions are a request from a F & W Botanist and the Commission will be notified of the date, the cleaning of the channel strictly for removal of fallen debris with no cutting or excavation.

**MOTION:** By EG, seconded by DG to approve with noted conditions.

*Discussion:*

- TC asked about including the Gateway.
- DB stated a site visit is still needed and suggested approving as a Letter Permit.
- EJ stated also included is a proposal to block off one section of trail that leads to the beach.

**Vote: 3/0/1 abstention by WLH.**

**7:50 p.m.**

Old Sturbridge Village-To present restoration plan associated with Enforcement Order issued on 1/5/12:

- EJ stated Natural Heritage is coming on the 7<sup>th</sup> or the 9<sup>th</sup> and their Forester and Environmental consultant will put together the restoration plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Review/Approve Conservation Commission Report:

- EJ stated she e-mailed a copy of the Conservation report to the Commission members and asked if anyone had any questions regarding this.
- DG asked that **Vice Chair** be included next to her name on the report.

Gateway Trail:

- Tom Chamberland presented the Trails Committee application and stated the area is a ridge that is parallel to Shattuck Road and the entrance road to OSV. TC stated the trail is proposed to be ¾-1 mile in length using a stack loop trail system.
- DB stated a site visit will be scheduled.

Confirm MACC Spring Conference Registrations:

- EJ reminded Commission Members who haven't registered yet to do so.

Review Draft OSV Easement-Handicapped Accessible Parking Area and Trail:

- EJ stated this is in the final stages and would like to move forward with it and asked if the Commission had any issues.

New Warning Sign (Hunting Season).

- EJ suggested a temporary sign installed next to the parking area at Hein's Farm warning people when it's hunting season and the suggestion of wearing brightly colored clothing.
- CM suggested wearing orange in color during hunting season.

66 Mount Dan Road-Update:

- EJ stated she hopes by the next Conservation meeting that the site at 66 Mount Dan Road is in compliance.

SPAHO Conservation Easements and legal fees:

- EJ suggested that a motion be made to approve the easements as written under the condition that Walter Regep pay the legal fee for the development of the easement language and contingent upon approval of the BOS.

**MOTION:** By EG, seconded by WLH to approve with above condition.

*Discussion:*

- EG asked where the town stands in regards to land the town was supposed to get from the SPAHO subdivision.
- EJ will look into it.

**Vote: 4/0.**

**14 Birch Street-Monitoring:**

- EJ asked that the Commission put in writing what the expectations are in bringing the site into compliance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Emergency Certifications**

440 Main Street-Robert Christo-Removal of Beaver Dam:

- EJ stated she went out to the site today with DEP and suggested the following conditions:
  1. Notification to Yankee Candle and Yankee Peddler prior to the start of work.
  2. Notification to the Commission of the dates work will begin.
  3. Removal of debris by hand.
  4. Beaver debris must be removed first.
  5. Beaver debris must be removed slowly and in such a manner that no downstream flooding is caused and debris does not clog downstream drainage structures.
  6. Collapsed retaining wall must be cut up in place before being removed with machinery.
  7. No vegetation removal is permitted as part of the permit.

8. No ground disturbance permitted.
9. No dredging of stream channel.
10. Photographs must be submitted after the work is completed.

- EG stated he would like a site visit after the removal of the Dam prior to an excavator on site.

**MOTION:** By WLH, seconded by DB to approve with conditions.

**Vote: 4/0.**

Town Barn /DPW Access Road-Fema Clean Up:

**MOTION:** By DG, seconded by EG to re-issue the Emergency Certification.

**Vote: 4/0.**

### **Signatures**

DEP #300-857-Exxon Mobile

National Grid Emergency Certification

Town Barn/DPW Access Road-Clean Up

### **Correspondence**

43 Old Mashapaug Road-Offer to Donate Land:

- EJ stated this is for an offer for a donation of a linear piece of land that runs along the Quinebaug River which she is in favor of.
- DB suggested a site visit prior to accepting the offer.

Keystone Application:

- EJ stated if Commission members are interested there is an application in their packets.

### **Open Space Update**

Land Use Application-Boy Scouts:

- EJ stated this is a request to use Conservation land for an orienteering event on March 31, 2012 in conjunction with OSV with the attendees parking at the Education Building at OSV.

*Consensus by the Commission to approve.*

Land Use Application-Baystate Equine Rescue:

- EJ stated this is a request by the Baystate Equine Rescue to do a trail ride on 7/8/12 from 6:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with about 50-75 participants and parking at OSV. EJ stated all departments have been copied on the e-mail.

*Consensus by the Commission to approve.*

**MOTION:** By WLH, seconded by EG to adjourn @ 9:00 p.m.

**Vote: 4/0.**