

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Thursday, January 16, 2014
Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor**

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 pm Motion: CM 2nd: JK Vote: Unanimous

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman
Donna M. Grehl (DG)
Calvin Montigny (CM)
Joseph Kowalski (JK)

Members Absent: David Barnicle, Vice Chair

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (CG), Conservation Agent
Cindy Sowa Forgit, Conservation Clerk
Applicants and/or Audience Members

Committee Updates:

- **CPA – (EG)** Missed due to attending BOS meeting regarding Stoney Brook parcels given to town.
- **Trail Committee – (DB)** no update as DB is absent this evening.
- **Lakes Advisory Committee – (DG)** nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2014 - Motion to Accept: DG 2nd: JK Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Abstained: 1
January 9, 2014 – sent to all commissioners; EG didn't receive. CF to resend.

Walk-Ins:

Paul Watson, OFS: 50 Hall Road – to discuss wetland buffer zones on property and the filing for work in a buffer zone;

- Discussed the recent Jalbert plan; showing all jurisdictional buffer zones (25', 50', 100' and 200') on the property
- (2) Hydrogen tanks; removed both; replaced with one new tank. Concrete pad was existing and worked through a permit with State Fire Marshall office.
- Moving forward will need to relocate excess fill that was previously staged in an area on property. Doesn't seem contaminated. OFS will contact GC on how to fill out the appropriate form(s).
- All filings pre date the current owner.

Public Hearings:

7:30 Town of Sturbridge, Leadmine Mt Conservation Area. DEP #300-780. Request to amend the Order of Conditions for trail relocation and wetland crossing.

- Scope: To relocate the Arbutus Park Trail off OSV land and onto town land.
- Richard Paradise requested a 2 week postponement as Randy Redetzke and Tom Chamberland were unable to attend this meeting.
- Commission granted request. To be added onto the next meeting, February 6th.

Enforcement (GC):

31 Shore Drive, Gary and Margaret Allard. Report on progress to remove debris.

- Agent site visit on 1.14.14, there has been no further work done to address the BOH Order to remove debris in front of the culvert and lower the water to the invert elevation
- Both an email and letter were sent out Dec 20th to Mr. Allard extending the Emergency Certificate until January 1st to remove the obstruction and resolve the problem of scouring caused by the notch. This 18" notch in dam has increased water velocity and sediment has moved into South Pond.
- Briefly discussed letter received this morning from Mr. Allard's Environmental Consultant, Michael Mocko regarding some potential solutions. Not all Commissioners have read the documents.
- Work done in buffer zone and subject to protection of the wetlands protection act.
- GC drafted enforcement order. EG asked to clarify wording.
- GC will compile documents and seek advice from Town Counsel.
- Commission to issue a non-criminal violation ticket
- **Consensus to move forward with the Enforcement Order and ticket, and get Town Counsel involved: Yea: 3 Nay: 1**

Letter Permits (GC):

Brian Galonek c/o Ed Galonek: To add a press box and concession stand to existing dugout at athletic field behind DPW garage. Work is in the 200' buffer zone. Located over 1st Base dugout; Recreation Committee approved.

- Press Box; 2 story structure. Size: 22' x 10'. Installed on Sonitubes with gravel under structure. 1st floor for concessions; 2nd floor for the announcer.
- Funded by Little League
- Lead-time: if approved, to start in spring with volunteer help.
- Sink only; no restroom. Out of Conservation's jurisdiction; must speak to BOH on requirements for potable water at this location. Water currently used for this location is non-potable; used for irrigation only.
 - Next steps for applicant: Meet with BOH to discuss requirements. Meet with engineer to discuss options (tight tank).
- Commissioners concerned that maybe in flood zone. GC to check maps and will provide a letter.
- Site visit: DG will be heading over to see the site.
- **General consensus: Commissioners are in agreement with proposal, as there is no impact to wetlands or loss of flood storage. Any change in plans to add tight tank or water lines will require applicant to seek permission from Conservation Commission.**

Requests for Certificate of Compliance (GC):

176 Lake Rd, DEP#300-164; Original certificate was issued in 1988 and has since been lost. A copy was submitted to requesting Attorney, but an original is required for recording purposes. Commission signed the COC.

170 Lake Road, DEP#300-895 Shea; GC attempted but unable to make site visit as town vehicle was having mechanical issues.

Agent Report:

- Signature Authority: GC would like to add Cindy Sowa Forgit. Commission agreed and signed off.
- Course Selection for MACC: please have your selection made by the next meeting, MACC Environmental Conference to be held March 1st.

New Business:

- **Stoney Brook Drive:** Town has accepted gift of approximately 8.69 acres for Open Space.
- **Open Space:** Belanger 10+/- acre property. Single lot that bisects Riverland/Grand Trunk Trail. Investigate options to acquire land.
- **Trust for Public Land:** Met last Thursday on Plimpton Property. Applying for \$400,000 grant from Federal Government. 325 acre parcel, with 25 acres in Brookfield. Purchase for Town Forest.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7pm.

A copy of tonight's meeting can be found on our Town's website or is available upon request via the Audio Department: 508.347.7267