

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA -- CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Approved July 13, 2017

Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor

7:50 pm – Executive Session Called to Order/ Ed Goodwin

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present:

Ed Goodwin (EG) Chair

Absent: Paul Zapun

Dave Barnicle (DB) Vice Chair

Steve Chidester (SC)

Steve Halterman (SH)

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (GC), Conservation Agent, Anne Renaud-Jones (clerk);

The ConsCom went into executive session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of discussing the Town Meeting on Monday night, June 5th, and Article 7 on the Warrant relating to the purchase of the property on Douty Road.

In the opinion of the Commission, recent measures taken by the developer to inform the public of this land purchase contained less than accurate and incomplete information regarding the consequences of the town purchasing this property.

As Department Head of the Conservation Department, Agent Glenn Colburn will be speaking to this Article at the Meeting, and commissioners discussed making the following points:

- MISSING from Mr. Cormier's message: Mr. Cormier's proposal does not mention anything about increased school services needed for the increased population of these homes.
 - Current cost of a student education per year is a (approx.) \$12,000 per year
 - If each house of a 45 house development has 1.0 children, the add'l cost will be \$540,000
 - MISSING from Mr. Cormier's message: The Town has already committed to the 40B project, which is 101 units
 - MISSING from Mr. Cormier's message is the fact that he is not bringing town water to the development
- Mr. Cormier is offering to build the sewer line; it would be almost 2 miles long- and once the sewer goes up Stallion Hill Road and Douty Road, it could open Stallion Hill Road up for increased development.
- The matter of the importance of this specific piece of land in tying together a wildlife corridor will also be noted.