

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
April 15, 2009
MINUTES

Approved: _____

Present: Mark Briggs, Chair, Joyce Smith, Co-Chair, Daniel Rice,
Jack Sheehan, arrived at 7:15pm

Unavailable: Francis Gatto

Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary

Sally Paul, Consultant's Assistant for Brandon Faneuf, Consultant, who is unavailable

Wetland Concern

7:05pm Lake Singletary Watershed Assoc.

Present: Dan McNamara, Lake Singletary Watershed Assoc.

D. McNamara reviewed the past weed control and drawdown information to extend an Order of Conditions to raise and lower the waters of Lake Singletary. He stated nothing has changed. They received a grant to do the work, and replaced the gate valve, which is custom made. They are selective on the treatment of the weeds, of which fanwood is a major problem right now. ACT is the licensed vendor that they will hire to do the work.

Motion: To issue an Extension for the Order of Conditions for Lake Singletary, by J. Smith
2nd: D. Rice
Vote: 4-0-0

7:15pm Groundscapes Express – erosion control materials

Present: John Engwer, Groundscapes Express

J. Engwer explained the Groundscapes Express services about an earth blanket, compost that is blown in to a sleeve, and gave a hand out to the Board. He then did a power point presentation, which included emergency winter erosion controls information.
See Attachment #1

7:40pm 10 Hathaway Drive – plans update Lot changes

Present: Mike Weaver, Andrews Survey

M. Weaver explained how the lot lines were changed and why the changes. He is asking for a Certificate of Compliances for what was approved in the past.

M. Briggs said the Original Order of Conditions is for Lot 4, the deed and parcel may have changed, if they do not match the Order would have to be amended. Mr. Briggs suggested they do a site visit to be able to issue a partial certificate on the proper lots. He then explained what happened in this subdivision.

J. Sheehan said he would agree with a partial certificate subject to excluding the rest of the lot by a narrative on what has happened in the past.

The Board will do a site visit on April 25, 2009 at 9:00am.

8:20pm Lackey Dam Estates – Extend the OOC

Present: Mike Weaver, Andrews Survey

M. Weaver is asking for and extension of the Order of Conditions that is due to expire, for the catch basin and roadway, which are not complete yet.

S. Paul summarized her site visit done on April 10, 2009.

The Board will do a site visit on April 25, 2009 at 9:45am.

Motion: To issue an extension for the Order of Conditions for Lackey Dam Estates, for one year,
by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

J. Sheehan stated that the silt fence was creating more problems and acting like a dam on the down stream area near the catch basin. He said to get permission from Mary Bedoian to clean out the runoff of silt near her property.

Motion: To continue the discussion to Saturday April 25, 2009, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

58 Griggs Road

No DEP# RDA

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:50pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of cutting down 3 large oak trees on property line, trim tops of cedar trees on property line next to house, and remove tree on house roof.

Present: Paul Holzwarth, owner

P. Holzwarth would like to remove three large trees and trim the tops of some cedar trees and have a tree removed from the roof of the house from the last storm. He put a rope on one of the trees to hold it back from falling over. It was suggested not to cut the trees down too much or they may die. Tree limbs are falling during the winter storms and in the spring.

M. Briggs stated he looked at the trees, and reviewed the report from the registered arborist stating the trees in question are arborvitaes. Mr. Briggs said that any tree that comes down needs to be replaced with a native tree to that area. He recommends that the arborist do what is needed and get the Commission a plot plan with the location of the trees in question, for the records.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability subject to the applicant's providing the Commission with a generalized plan showing the re-planting of three trees,

by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

269 Mendon Road
DEP#303-0682

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:00pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of a driveway with one wetland crossing for a single family house.

Present: Robert Murphy, Murphy Associates, David Pearson, owner

R. Murphy reviewed the past information from last fall from the original subdivision, however the roadway would not be wide enough for a subdivision. They have now decided to go with only one lot and not touch the lot lines and do a single driveway crossing the wetlands using a natural open bottom culvert. The only work in the buffer zone is the driveway with a 36" culvert.

S. Paul summarized the site visit report from Ecosystem
See attached report #2

Abutter:

Mr. Kevin Kilcoyne, 275 Mendon Road, is concerned with water entering his property.

Motion: To continue, the applicant's permission, to April 29, 2009, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

CONTINUATIONS
16 Old County Road
DEP#303-0679

The continuation was opened at 9:30pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of an addition, new foundation, and attached garage with driveway for and existing single family house in the buffer zone of a BVW and Lake Singletary.

Present: Eric Bazzett, Andrews Survey, Thomas Vassar, owner

E. Bazzett explained they needed information from the Board of Health for the tight tank, for these revised plans. Nothing has been issued in writing, however he talked to Jim Malley and they were ok with the 3 bedroom septic plans. Two red maples and three white pine trees would replace the five trees that need to come down that are in the path of the septic. The Board of Health requires a pump out record. He also checked with Chase/Harris if the tank was big enough, it's a 3000 gallon tank.

S. Paul summarized the report from the first site visit and reviewed the pictures taken on the site visit.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions subject to no work permitted by this Order may begin unless and until the applicant receives a subsurface sewage disposal permit from the Sutton Board of Health which complies with both the requirements of Title V and any more stringent local standards, and until a copy of said permit is sent to the Conservation Commission and the Department, and that the residence meets with the Board of Health and the DEP, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

9:55pm Manchaug Sewer connection & Manchaug Library connection

Present: Donald Obuchowski, sewer Commissioner

D. Obuchowski presented the board with the request for the Certificate of Compliance for the Manchaug sewer connection and revised plans to close out that project.

Motion: To issue the Certificate of Compliance for the Manchaug Sewer project, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

Manchaug Library connection

D. Obuchowski explained this building, that was unoccupied at that time, was not connection when the sewer project was under construction. However this building is a potential rental that needs to be connection before the Mumford River walk project construction is started. He explained the sewer department received a grant to be used for this project and is requesting a permit to connect the library to the now existing sewer line in Manchaug.

The suggestion was made to permit an Emergency Certificate to do the work needed for the Mumford River Walk project to go forward.

Motion: To issue and Emergency Certificate to the Sewer Department to install the service into the Manchaug Library as indicated by D. Obuchowski, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

BOARD BUSINESS

The project at 197 Town Farm Road is having a problem getting the correct size of the American Hazelnut bush, shown on their plans, and has requested to use the smaller size in its place.

The Board agreed to the smaller size bush for that project.

The Board reviewed the runoff complaint letter from Ms. Janice Moore, 55 Stone School Road, on for the site work underway at the 61 Stone School Road project/R. Murphy, and would do a site visit on April 25, 2009. They will also do a site visit April 25th, at 15 Stone School Road, Steve Georgiopoulos project for the relocation of a new shed.

The Board signed an OOC for 71 Whitins Road, R. Samuelson's project.

Minutes

The Board voted on the minutes of March 4, 2009.

Motion: To accept the minutes of February 18, 2009 and March 4, 2009, corrected by Joyce Smith, by J. Sheehan

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To adjourn, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

Adjourned at 11:00pm.