

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
October 7, 2009
MINUTES

Approved: _____

Present: Joyce Smith, Co-Chair, Alyse Aubin, Daniel Rice, Jack Sheehan,
Unavailable: Mark Briggs, Chair
Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

Project Review

7:05pm 6 Tuttle Road/Brad Bumpas, owner

B. Bumpas would like to replant trees in a different area from the location on the original permitted plans. He pointed out the new locations on his current plan, for the trees that still need to be planted. He would also abandon the cart path that leads through the present tree planting location.

J. Smith said the Board doesn't feel that this is a problem with the change. After the trees have been planted, give a revised plan to the Commission for the records.

J. Sheehan suggested he request a partial Certificate of Compliance for the lot that is finished. He could then request in writing for an extension for one year for the tree plantings on 6 Tuttle Road, and 75 Singletary Ave. He can finish his project and the other owner can finish their project before both these DEP numbers expire.

A request for a Certificate of Compliance was given to Mr. Bumpas and a letter from him will extend both projects for another year.

NEW BUSINESS

**356 Boston Road-St Marks Church
DEP#303-0685**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:20pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of planning and resurfacing the existing parking lot.

Present: Dave Lavalley, Andrews Survey, Father Michael Degeronimo, St Marks Church

D. Lavalley reviewed the revamped previous RDA for the existing parking lot. Now they would like to grind and re-grade the existing driveway and parking lot. The design is the same except the addition and detention basins have been removed. These are the same plans from 2004. They would also use silt fences and haybales during the construction. Mr. Lavalley agreed to put in a swale on the back end of the parking lot. He also agreed that drainage issues should be addressed and would include these in the final grading plan.

B. Faneuf summarized his site visit. He recommends, with the debris in the buffer zone, that they need to stop dumping in the wetlands area to the right of the dumpster. He questioned the sheet flow drainage that goes to the grassed area towards the NE corner near the dumpster.

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

Motion: To Issue a Negative Determination of Applicability allowing re-paving of the parking lot at 356 Boston Road, subject to the best management practices for the drainage post construction, by J. Sheehan
2nd: D. Rice
Vote: 4-0-0

Project Update

7:40pm 48 Griggs Road

Present: William Fox, owner

W. Fox explained he would like to take down several dead trees. Two other trees had fallen and were taken down. He would replant any tree taken down. Mr. Hines, his neighbor, is afraid the trees would fall on his house. W. Fox told the Board the well would also be put in next week, but the trees need to come down first. Then the house can be re-built. He tagged all the trees that need to come down and said there were five trees that the root systems are gone.

J. Sheehan said the Commission needs the re-planting plan with the size, type and location of the trees put on the plans for the record. The Hemlocks could be trimmed instead of taken down.

B. Faneuf put the property location from the GIS on the TV for all to review the location of the dead trees. Mr. Faneuf told Mr. Fox the native trees for this area are oak, ash and hemlock.

J. Smith and D. Rice will check on these trees on Thursday and call Mr. Fox with the time they would be there.

J. Sheehan suggested Mr. Fox come back in two weeks with a letter from the arborist about the dead trees, and identify the trees. Come back with the revised date and planting plans.

CONTINUATIONS

13 Tucker Lane

DEP#303-0685

The continuation was opened at 8:25pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of installing a new septic system to replace failed system at pre-existing dwelling.

Not Present: JoAnn Teachout, Purcell Associates for Estate of Agnes Roberts

This filing was continued by J. Teachout, with the applicant's permission, to the next meeting.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to October 21, 2009, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 4-0-0

Wetland Concerns

8:30pm 125 Central Turnpike

Present: Peter Schotanus, owner

P. Schotanus explained that there was natural ledge behind the pond in the back and the first previous owner to Mr. Hamlin dumped loads of fill and rock over the ledge. Trees have grown over this area. He would like to get rid of the fill rock to get rid of the safety hazard.

J. Smith stated he should have come to the Conservation to explain what he was doing before he did anything in this area because this is within the buffer zone area of the pond. It looks like there was a road put in around the pond. He needs to come to the Conservation to do any work within that buffer zone area.

P. Schotanus explained the cart road was always there, he just used it to access the area.

J. Sheehan said any activity within the 100' of the resource area is subject to review. He needs to file at least a Request for Determination, plus he is in a highly visible area. Mr. Sheehan suggests that he ascertain what he wants to do on the property in total. First contain the activity that has been done at this time, then install the erosion controls. Talk to an engineer or wetlands professional. File a Request for Determination of Applicability.

The Board would do a site visit on Thursday October 8, 2009 at 4:00pm.

8:45pm 129 Hartness Road

Not Present: Ronald Whitney, owner

Motion was made to send out an Enforcement Order to Mr. Whitney.

Motion: To issue an Enforcement Order to the owner of the property on 129 Hartness Road,
by J. Sheehan

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 4-0-0

8:50pm Solar Farm utilities review for Robinson's pasture off Colonial Drive

Not Present: Karen Decarteret, ANSAR Energy

This was tabled to a future meeting, date to be announced.

BOARD BUSINESS

9:00pm

The Board signed an Order of Conditions for 33 Buttonwood Ave. They signed a Complete Certificate of Compliance for 22 Cote Lane, and a Determination of Applicability for 199 Mendon Road

The Board reviewed the file on 66 Wilderness Drive/M. Dunn, for work that has been done, but will table until the return of M. Briggs. A call would be made to Dana Gravison for the "As-Built" for his project on Quabbin Path's review for the Certificate of Compliance, to be signed at the next meeting.

Money held on account for the Settlers Hill project at 28 Singletary Ave. will be refunded, due to the project not going forward.

Minutes

The August 5th and August 19th minutes were voted on.

Motion: To approve the minutes of August 5, 2009, and August 19, 2009 corrected by J. Smith,
by J. Sheehan

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 4-0-0

Anyone interested in purchasing the DVD for any public hearing at this meeting, please contact Pam Nichol's in the Cable office or you can view the minutes and video at www.suttonma.org.

Motion: To adjourn, by A. Aubin

2nd: J. Sheehan

Vote: 4-0-0

Adjourned at 10:00pm.