

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 21, 2010

MINUTES

Approved: _____

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

Wetland update

7:00pm 129 Hartness Road

Present: Norman Hill, Land Planning, Ronald Whitney, owner

N. Hill reviewed information about the filling of the wetlands and drainage issues from the previous meetings. He spoke of the past issues of about 15 years ago with the road being raised and causing a large puddle in the neighbor's yard. Mr. Hill stated the owner is considering helping the town to fix this by proposing a 12" pipe with a stone French drain leading to the lower wetlands through a trench. The town highway is going to give the owner the materials of crushed stone for the trench work. Mr. Hill stated that he did the wetland delineations for this project.

B. Faneuf reviewed his seven scopes of fees and had put in a proposal, but was asked to reduce his proposal.

Mr. Whitney said he is willing to work with the town but doesn't feel he should take the brunt of the fees, especially where he is able to get an excavator, for no fee, to do the work.

Mr. Faneuf advised the applicant about wetland seed mix.

M. Briggs states, Mr. Faneuf will supply the Conservation with separate estimates of Mr. Whitney's work and for the travel time that Conservation is willing to contribute on the part of the town. Mr. Whitney has to come back, and Conservation is going to pick up half of the travel time, which is about \$500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

14 Welsh Road

DEP#303-0691

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of installing a new in ground swimming pool with retaining walls, pool shed, and Tiki Bar behind an existing single family house.

Present: Norman Hill, Land Planning, Martin Blitz, owner

N. Hill explained about the existing house with the deck that the owner wants to put in a pool with an apron with a stone bed under the pump equipment. He noticed an existing problem with this site of eroding drain pipes that eroded a ditch that leads down to the pond. They propose to put stone down to stop the erosion issue. National Heritage was also notified.

M. Briggs asked how deep the pool would be and suggested to get a self contained system. Mr. Hill was asked to give a copy of that system information to the conservation office for the records.

B. Faneuf summarized his site visit issues.
See Attachment #1 Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

M. Briggs told the owner to stake out the pool area for the site visit.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to May 19, 2010, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

15 Tucker Lane
NoDEP#RDA

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:05pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of cutting of a tree that is close to the house.

Not Present: Donald Percy, owner

The Commission continued this to the next meeting, due to a no show.

Motion: To continue this Public Hearing, to May 5, 2010, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

CONTINUATIONS

None at this time

Filing Update:

8:10pm Villas at Armsby Road

Present: New Owners: Andy Santos, and William Jenkins, Altora Realty Investment, LLC
Steven Mingola, owner of Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

Andy Santos explained the status of the Order of Conditions, and that they signed a Purchase and Sales agreement. They reviewed the runoff on the back side of Phase III, but would like to walk the land with the Commission so they can understand what the issue is, and how they can stabilize it.

J. Smith explained what the area looked like last year when she did the site visit for the runoff.

J. Sheehan reviewed the original Order of Conditions that had expired, but the Commission could extend the Order of Conditions.

M. Briggs stated that in order for the Commission to extend the Order there would be special conditions attached.

S. Mingola explained the past and why PV got involved with Mr. LeClaire and his project.

J. Sheehan asked that if they had read the whole Order of Conditions, and assessed all the work done on the site, it would be wise to ask for a Partial Certificate of Compliance for the work that is done before they start any other work. They should then write to ask for an extension of the original Order of Conditions.

See attached #2, email from Jen Hager in Planning Board

M. Briggs stated the Commission needed something they can give the Consultant for the changes on the plans on what it is the Commission will extend.

The new owners will call the secretary to be put back on the agenda.

BOARD BUSINESS

8:15pm

The Board signed an extension for the 80 Barnett Road subdivision, and a Complete Certificate of Compliance for 16 Barnett Road.

The Board reviewed the file for 269 Mendon Road for the Fire Chief's issue with the wetland crossing, 48 Griggs Road for the stream erosion problem, 34 Hough Road for the issue of clear cutting without a Forestry Permit or DEP permit, and 28 Irma Jones Road for an issue with no permit for work on the lake, letter to be sent out. Site visits would be done for each of these sites for the next meeting.

B. Faneuf gave his report on his site visits for 48 Griggs Road, 3.5 Sunrise Drive, and 34 Hough Road.

Minutes

Two motions made for a vote on the minutes of March 3, 2010 and March 17, 2010.

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 3, 2010, corrected by J. Smith, by J. Sheehan
2nd: A. Aubin
Vote: 4-0-1 J. Smith

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 17, 2010, corrected by J. Smith, by J. Sheehan
2nd: A. Aubin
Vote: 5-0-0

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Motion: To adjourn, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 10:30pm.