

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
September 21, 2011
MINUTES

Approved: _____

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

Project Updates

Shaw Farm Cross Country Course/Eagle Scout Project

7:15pm

Present: Jennifer Hager, Town Planner, Evan Kent, Boy Scout

J. Hager explained that the Town will be filling a grant proposal with the DCR on Thursday September 29, 2011 for the overall project of the Shaw Farm Trail System. There are established trail systems presently on the farm now, but they are in need of maintenance. There are some crossings that need attention to maintain these to the DCR class two standard. Class two is the highest standard necessary to accommodate pedestrian, hiker, mountain bike, and equestrian pack and saddle. They will be applying to DCR for the funding. Also included would be signage, actual trail work, mapping, and creating a mapped brochure of the trails with a reference spot for use with a smart phone. Jen Hager introduced Evan Kent, who is a candidate for Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout Project is proposed to be work on the "Buster Trail". His improvement to this trail is the demonstration project for the Town on how the trails would be completed under the DCR Grant. He is also proposing the "Challenge Trail", more of a class one trail for all type users.

A letter stating that the Conservation Commission is aware of the project and they don't see any huge issues is requested for the grant. In speaking to Jim Smith she thought that an RDA filing would be appropriate right now.

E. Kent gave the Commission a hand out with his information for this project. He reviewed his power point and explained each picture and what would be done at each point.
See Attachment #1 from E. Kent

J. Hager explained what the puncheon bridges would look like and how they would fit the project, and that the signage would be make from routed wood.

The Board asked several questions to familiarize Mr. Kent with how the Commission works.

J. Hager asked if Evan can start doing minor clearing work to the trail on Saturday. None of the crossing work would be done until the Commission tells them what they want in terms of a filing, and they would be ready for the next meeting. Mr. Kent's project would start this Saturday, however her project wouldn't start for nine months until after the Grant is filed.

M. Briggs questioned the potential vernal pools.

J. Hager replied there are five potential vernal pools, but none of this work would come close to them.

J. Sheehan said he feels they should file and RDA and identify the resource areas with the argument that you would not negatively impact any of the resource areas. Each crossing, or as you refer to them

as mud puddles, should be described in detail with how you determined if it's a resource area or not. Mr. Sheehan donated the fee of \$40.00 for the Legal Ad for the next meeting's RDA.

B. Faneuf, Conservation Consultant has also waived all fees associated with this project.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

42 Bond Hollow Road

DEP#303-0633

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

The purpose of this hearing is to review an Amendment to the Order of Conditions submitted to the Conservation Commission by Timothy Fisher, Milford, MA. The project consists of the applicant requesting an Amendment to the current Order of Conditions to reflect the revised plan. The proposal includes development of a single family dwelling, driveway and subsurface sewage disposal system with associated grading in the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland. In addition, a wetland crossing by bridge is proposed to access the building site. The proposed modifications to the current approved plan reduce the impact areas, eliminate a proposed wetland fill and reduce the overall site development footprint on the parcel.

Present: Scott Mederios, McFarland Engineering, Timothy Fisher, owner.

Joyce Smith stepped down as an abutter.

S. Mederios reviewed the information from the last Public meeting and showed the improvements on the new revised plans. The new plans show the two lots were joined as one and the house would be placed in the middle of the combined lots. He explained how the bridge, grading, riprap channel, and utilities would be done.

B. Faneuf summarized his report from the site visit, and gave his recommendations.

M. Briggs said to stake the area out and they would do a site visit for the next meeting.

A site visit would be done on Saturday September 24, 2011 at 9:30am.

The board signed an invalid Certificate of Compliance for 46 Bond Hollow Road to close out the lien for DEP#303-0634.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to October 5, 2011, by J. Sheehan

2nd: D. Rice

Vote: 3-0-1 J. Smith stepped down

CONTINUATIONS

297 Manchaug Road

DEP#303-0728 from 08-03-11

The continuation was opened at 9:05pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of construction of a single family dwelling, septic system and associated work.

Present: Tracy Sharkey, Guaranteed Builders, Inc.

T. Sharkey gave the Commission revised plans with the changes. They added the replication area and a dry well. She will ask for a waiver for the driveway to be gravel and the utilities to be put under the driveway.

B. Faneuf stated the wetlands have been re-adjusted from the previous plans and the BVW has changed and has a horseshoe shape.

M. Briggs stated that the trees over 5" that they take down need to be replaced one on one with a 2.5 caliper tree.

A site visit would be done on September 24, 2011 at 9:30am.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to October 5, 2011, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

101 Leland Hill Estates

DEP#303-0701 - #303-0722 from 12-23-10

The continuation was opened at 9:40pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of the Notices of Intent pertaining to the completion of a subdivision roadway and associated infrastructure as well as construction of a sewer pump station and twenty (20) single-family homes on individual lots. The proposed work is within the Buffer Zone adjacent to wetland areas subject to protection under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Sutton Wetlands and Riverfront Administration Bylaw, on Map 12, Parcel 72, at 101 Leland Hill Road, Sutton MA.

Motion: To continue the Public Hearings, with the applicant's permission, on the total subdivision DEP#303-0701 to #303-0722 inclusive to September 21, 2011, due to no proper information to make a decision, by J. Sheehan.
2nd: D. Rice
Vote: 5-0-0

BOARD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes: the minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

The Board endorsed the permit for 46 Bond Hollow Road to withdraw the DEP#303-0634 Order of Conditions.

The routing slip for 39 Duval Road was signed.

Discussions:

The issue at Aldrich Pond Dam area will be reviewed at the site visit on September 24th. Sibley Reservoir is near completion per DCR and will be checked on September 24th.

The site visit for 72 Wilderness Road/S. Goddard would not be done until the request for the Certificate has been received along with the "As-Built" plans.

Complaint/Violation: 5.5 W. Sutton Road/Hellstrom, had a complaint that paint chips were going down the Storm drain and into the lake, per the BOH. Highway would be contacted to check the drain for this debris and to report back to Conservation with their findings.

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

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 J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 9:55pm.