

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
December 21, 2011  
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 Updates**

**7:00**

**Lackey Dam Estates**

Present: Jen Hager

Road acceptance for Lackey Dam Estates.

J. Hager explained the open space at Lackey Dam Estates on Oakhurst Road. The open space is all around the outer edge of the subdivision. At the October 2011 Town Meeting the town voted to take the roadways as public roadways, and to complete all the transfers on the subdivision. The town needs to take title to the open space around this subdivision. As this land will remain open, it is appropriate for the Conservation Commission to take title to the open space. The Commission can make a motion to accept the deeds being reviewed now by Town Council.

J. Sheehan asked about the drainage structures around the detention ponds.

J. Hager said the Town would maintain the drainage across the street and the detention pond. It's at the approval stage that the Planning Board decides whether the town will maintain or it would be conditioned that the Homeowners Association would have to maintain the area. This was not conditioned the basin or the drainage easement across the street, maintained by the Association, which took responsibility for that. Highway is aware that they will maintain and clean out this catch basin and drainage area every six months. J. Hager will return the paper to be signed once the Board of Selectmen have signed it.

Motion: To accept the open space parcel, by J. Sheehan  
2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Smith  
Vote: 5-0-0

**7:10**

**7 Point Way**

Present: C. Windle, owner

The Board reviewed the pictures of storm damage from October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> presented by C. Windle.

C. Windle highlighted the trees that were over 5" that were damaged, showing the red maple on the front page. There was also a tree that had split from the weight of the snow and more than half the tree was in the water. There were still more damaged trees that he hadn't gotten to yet. Less than ten trees damaged by the storm were taken out. He told the Board he will replant the four trees in the lower bank area and the other trees that were taken down.

M. Briggs would like to see a plan showing something that would grow up with the right shade for the lake. He reviewed the past information from the permitting of the Order of Conditions, and is concerned about the lake. He can make a note to this plan, to become a matter of record, as to what he will replant in the spring. If there is no wash out then he is good.

B. Faneuf said he could replant dogwood, alder, and/or core log.

J. Sheehan said he should replant and then contact the Commission to do a site visit.

## **NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **65 Gilmore Drive**

#### **DEP#303-0734**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:30pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of a parking lot expansion to accommodate a change in property use to a church. Expansion areas were previously considered as part of the original site design.

Present: Paul Hutnak-Andrews Survey, David Payne, Life Song Church Pastor.

M. Briggs asked if this area was zoned for a Church.

P. Hutnak replied yes, anywhere is zoned for a church or school.

D. Payne replied that their understanding from J. Hager, Town Planner. is that the zoning for this property specifically does allow for the church to be there.

P. Hutnak reviewed the wetlands and existing drainage that was previously approved as a site plan. It was permitted by the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Future expansion areas on those plans had been approved. They are asking for an additional parking areas. The drainage system for the property will drain into the existing large basin system planned for the previous Home Depot site. The expansion was approved by the Planning Board on Monday night before this meeting. However they are not removing any existing trees in this area.

A. Aubin asked if they contacted the earth removal board for the earth they are taking out.

P. Hutnak replied they will contact the earth removal board.

J. Sheehan explained the property as it exists now. It has a wood guardrail behind the building. He said they will have to re-establish the wetland flags and relocate the two or three trees to be taken down outside the pavement area.

A. Aubin suggested doing a site visit and questioned if something other than put down in the new parking areas to be created.

The Board would do a site visit on December 31, 2011 at 9:00am.

B. Faneuf summarized his report from his site visit.

See Attachment #1 Ecosystem Solutions Report

J. Sheehan requested they draw up a snow removal plan.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to January 4, 2012, by J. Sheehan  
2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Smith  
Vote: 5-0-0

### **15 Tucker Lane**

#### **DEP#303-0735**

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:30pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of installation of a tight tank.

Present: Seth Lajoie, Lajoie & Assoc. Inc., Rachel Percy, owner

S. Lajoie reviewed the background of the existing house and existing cesspool. Their only option is to put in a tight tank at the location shown on the plan. No trees would have to be taken down because the location where the tight tank would be installed is clear of trees. The installation would only take about three days to do.

J. Sheehan questioned where the gray water would go. He would condition this such that the Board has certification from a plumbing inspector that this has been hooked up properly and the water coming from the house is going into the tight tank.

B. Faneuf summarized his report from his site visit.

See Attachment #2 Ecosystem Solutions Report

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to January 4, 2012, by J. Sheehan  
2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Smith  
Vote: 5-0-0

### **33 W. Sutton Road**

#### **DEP#303-0733**

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 replacement of existing cesspool with a tight tank.

Present: Paul Hutnak, Andrews Survey David & Cheryl Chevalier, owners

P. Hutnak reviewed the 2,000 gallon tight tank proposed in front of the house, which has Board of Health approval

M. Briggs explained that the Commission revised the erosion controls to using silt fence and silt socks instead of using hay bales. Erosion controls are to be placed before and after the intermittent stream, and the trees to be replanted. He would like to see them near the lake.

B. Faneuf summarized his report from his site visit.

See Attachment #3 Ecosystem Solutions Report

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan  
2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Aubin  
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions, subject to the plans to be submitted by the applicant,  
by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 5-0-0

## CONTINUATIONS

None at this time

## BOARD BUSINESS

Wetland Updates & Concerns:

**42 Bond Hollow Road** – B. Faneuf gave an update on the progress of the construction, and showed the Board his video of the area in question.

**192 Hartness Road** – M. Brigham replied from Highway from the email sent on December 14, 2011 about pipe under Hartness Road. His reply was that the pipe was clear and running properly, water was flowing through normally and he didn't see any problems.

The Board approved the minutes of December 7, 2011.

Motion: To approve the minutes of December 7, 2011, by J. Sheehan

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

No permits were endorsed by the Board. However the Board signed the Routing Slips for 4 Cole Ave BOH, and The Village at Stevens Pond for Planning Board's review, along with the unexpected business of the New West Side Connector roadway from Sutton to Douglas, and the update on Marion's Camp added erosion controls of silt socks.

Discussions:

**503 Mendon Road** – This filing was withdrawn and due a reimbursement for the NOI application.

**188 Manchaug Road** – The owner replied in a letter that the trees that needed to be removed in his driveway and in front of his property are not on Town property.

All correspondence was reviewed.

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](http://www.suttonma.org).

Motion: To adjourn, by J. Sheehan

2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 9:45pm.