

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 2, 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

CONTINUATION

Shaw Farm Cross Country Course/Eagle Scout Project

No DEP# RDA filed from 10-05-11

The continuation was opened at 7:12pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The purpose of this hearing is to review a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted to the Conservation Commission by Jen Hager, and Evan Kent, Town of Sutton, Sutton, MA. The project consists of Maintenance of existing trail system (4 trails) to include minor clearing, clearance trimming, removal or mitigation of rocks, roots and other obstacles in trail bed, two crossings with puncheon bridges and or flow structures, and installation of signage and pervious parking at the farm and along Central Turnpike. Also cut one new trail for advanced trail users, on Map 23 (30), Parcel 24, (59, 61), for Shaw Farm off Shaw Lane, in Sutton.

Not Present: Jennifer Hager, Town Planner

J. Hager continued to January 18, 2012.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission, to January 18, 2012, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Board Business

7:12pm 169 Eight Lots Road – Chapter 61A removal Review

A Memo would be sent to the Board of Selectmen with Conservation's concerns.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

72 Eight Lots Road

No DEP# RDA

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

The project consists of construction of a 4-bedroom single-family residence with septic system, well, driveway and associated grading.

Present: Brian MacEwen, Gras Engineering, Normand & Michelle Champigny, applicant

B. MacEwen reviewed the retreat lot for a single-family-house and the septic system. He explained that the National Heritage Restrictions were done for this project by the previous owner, which had also been recorded. The house would be constructed outside of the 100' buffer zone of the wetlands. Erosion controls would be used.

B. Faneuf summarized his report, and explained that they do not have to use haybales but should use eight inch straw wattles with the silt fence instead.

See attached Ecosystem Report #1

Special conditions to be attached to the Determination of Applicability

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue a negative Determination of Applicability subject to the applicant providing the Ratio of upland to wetland area, and erosion controls with a minimum of 8" straw wattles or mulch silt socks, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Existing Right-of-Way

DEP#303-0730

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:45pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of proposing exploratory geotechnical borings within the existing cleared electrical transmission right-of-way, on various Maps and Parcels, along the power line right-of-way in Sutton MA.

Present: Daniel McIntyre, National Grid, Jason Lederer & Lee Curtis, BSC Group

L. Curtis explained the lines referring to the 2008 filing.

Abutter:

Pat Morris, 11 Johnson Road, Sutton, MA

Concerns are: if any additional trees would be cut, where Nat. Grid would be accessing the ROW, and how they would do the repairs to the land after they were finished the project.

A copy of these concerns with the abutter's phone number was given to BSC Group so someone could contact him and answer these questions.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions subject to supervision by our wetland consultant, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

BOARD BUSINESS

The Board voted to table the Minutes of September 7, 2011 and September 21, 2011 to the next meeting.

The Board endorsed the permits for 42 Bond Hollow Road, 14 Welsh Road, 7 Point Way, and 269 Mendon Road.

The ANRAD for 58 Main Street was expired and the owner will have to re-file.

The Board didn't sign 297 Manchaug Road - needs special conditions to go along with the OOC and the standard conditions.

The BOH and BOS Routing Slips were signed.

Discussions: Blackstone Street Bridge/Dam/J & G Foods

Site Visits were done at: 64 Wilderness Drive for closing information on the Determination.
13 Ramshorn Road for the three trees replanted, according to the plans. It will need another site visit in the spring to make sure the trees survive.

Unexpected Business

There was unexpected business discussed:

129 Hartness Road, R. Whitney, the project is complete.

192 Hartness Road, R Murphy, T. Murphy, Builders

10 Clark Hill Dam/Messier, a replanting plan is needed and an update as to what work was done. It is questionable if a Cease and Desist on any further activity should be issued.

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 9:15pm.