

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 16, 2012
MINUTES

Approved: _____

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

Wetland Concerns

7:00pm

26 Providence Road

Present: Neil McLaughlin

N. McLaughlin explained what he had done in the past fifteen years on his property. Because part of the driveway was washing out, he put loom down and would like to seed the area to stabilize it. He also explained about the gas trap that he put in when he opened his business. He has all his oils trucked out once a month. The only water is the runoff from the road. He is trying to maintain the area and keep it looking nice.

B. Faneuf showed the property on the GIS, for all to review.

M. Briggs told Mr. McLaughlin to keep up the good work with his property, and thanked him for coming in. They appreciate him coming forward and explaining what is going on, so whoever has the concern can now rest assured that this has been addressed and that the Commission has dealt with it. It doesn't appear to be in violation.

The secretary explained that he didn't come to the last meeting because the date of the meeting was typed in error dated April 18th instead of May 2nd, and he was as confused as I was with the letter.

7:05pm

Eight Lots School

Brian Stevenson, Sutton Historical Society

B. Stevenson explained The Historical Society wants work on restoration of the site.. They would like to put some signs up to promote interest in the project. They would like to start showing progress of the area while the signs are up. He showed the Board what it looked like in the past using past pictures. They are not looking to cut trees but to just make the school more visible to the public and for security reasons.

M. Briggs explained the jurisdiction of the Conservation, and that anything over 5" would need to be replaced per the Conservation's jurisdictional area of the wetlands. Mr. Briggs said that he doesn't see any issues here. If they need to cut anything over the 5" he needs to let the Commission know, then they can do a site visit.

J. Sheehan explained the wooded area with the small pine trees, where the understory could be cleaned up as general clean up as maintenance.

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B. Faneuf showed the school property on the GIS, for all to review.

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

65 Century Farm Road

DEP#303-0743

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:25pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of

Present: Mark Allen, Allen Engineering, James A. Gilbert, owner

M. Allen explained the location of the 22 acre lot that has been recently cut out from the 5 acres of the existing house. The proposal is for two lots, with each having frontage on Century Farm Road, Llot #1 will be a retreat lot with six acres, and lot #2 will be a standard lot with 15 acres.

They have submitted plans to both the Planning Board and Conservation for this common driveway. The first NOI is for the 500 foot common driveway, split off into two driveways. Both lots will also need a NOI. Mr. Allen explained they will be using two open box culverts, six feet wide by three feet tall, surrounding the width of the channels under the driveway. Then he explained the intermittent streams and their location within the project. He has shown the wattles on the plans with their locations. Twenty to thirty trees will be coming down. They will replant trees, possibly a tree lined driveway.

J. Sheehan pointed out that the 60/40 contiguous upland is contingent upon the approval of the crossing. Unless they are able to cross the wetland you don't have contiguous upland. They need the Order of Conditions to satisfy the 60/40 contiguous upland.

M. Briggs said that in situations like this the Fire Department insists that the applicant put in guard rails. He questioned snow plowing, and said that the details need to be on the plans. Each of the culverts need visible markers.

B. Faneuf summarized his information from his site visit.

See Attachment #1 Ecosystem Report.

J. Sheehan said the issuance of the Order of Conditions to allow the crossing, in no way guarantees an Order of Conditions on either of the house constructions, and would be contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance of the crossing.

The Board will do a site visit on Friday May 18, 2012 at 3:30pm.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to June 6, 2012, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

39 Winwood Road

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:40pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of construction of a barn with associated site work.

Present: Leonard Jalbert, Jalbert Eng. Inc., Parker Wellington, owner.

L. Jalbert explained about the causeway entrance and the proposed construction off 35 square foot

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barn in the back of their property, disturbing 4,000 square feet within the buffer zone. He explained how the lake is around this property. Nine trees over five inches would be cut down and replacement trees are shown on the plans.

B. Faneuf summarized his information from his site visit.
See attachment #2 Ecosystem Report

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to June 6, 2012, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Route 146/Boston Road Improvements/Mass DOT

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:15pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of improvements at the intersection of Route 146 and Boston Road including additional lanes and improved signalization.

Present: Richard Lenox, Design Consultant, John Witch, WSP SELLS, Susan McArthur, and Joe Frawley, Mass DOT, Victoria Parsons Mass DOT wetland unit.

M. Briggs told them that they are not exempt from the advertising fee, however they are exempt from the local bylaw fees.

V. Parsons explained the local bylaw fees and the consult fees that they don't pay.

R. Lenox explained that Mass DOT is looking to improve this intersection by putting in all new catch basins every 200' and replacing all the basins at 400'. He reviewed the added lanes and what would be done with the Pleasant Valley Road area.

B. Faneuf summarized his information from reviewing the NOI. He has a short list they need to review including checking the wetland flags, replication area, and comments on BMI's.
See attachment #3 Ecosystem Report

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to June 6, 2012, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

CONTINUATIONS - none at this time

BOARD BUSINESS

Wetland Project Updates:

42 Bond Hollow Road - B. Faneuf gave a summary, an Enforcement Order for a cease and desist on this project, until they appear before the Commission with an update.

66 Wilderness Drive - The Board issued an Enforcement Order on this project along with a ticket until the owner appears before the Commission with an update on the upper cleared area.

Blackstone National Golf Club/227 Putnam Hill Road/ Michael Gordan, owner - another letter would be sent for the owner to file a Notice of Intent for the ongoing work in the buffer zone of the wetland pond

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area.

7 Point Way - The Board questioned the four trees that were to be replanted. A second letter would be sent to the owner for the replanting.

Another letter would be sent to **14 Wheelock Road/G. Caya**, to also include a billing reminder for which no reply has been received as of yet.

The Board tabled the Minutes of April 4, 2012 and April 18, 2012.

The Board endorsed the permit for Lake Singletary's Aquatic treatment. A copy would be sent to the Millbury Conservation Commission.

The Board signed the routing slips for **Eight Lots Road subdivision, Burbank Road, Douglas Road.**

Discussions:

The discussion on **West Side Connector** for the Vernal Pools certification information is needed from the Consultant for this certification.

Motion: To certify the Vernal Pools at West Side Connector, by A. Aubin
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

B. Faneuf reviewed the project for the National Grid Structure #9,

The Board will do a site visit on Friday May 18, 2012 at 3:30pm at 65 Century Farm Road and 5:00pm at 39 Winwood Road.

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 11:45pm.