

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 11, 2012

MINUTES

Approved: _____

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

Project Updates

7:00pm

Shaw Farm

Present: Art Allen, Eco Tec, Jen Hager, Town of Sutton/ Planning Board

A. Allen gave a short background on the project stating that he was hired last year to do the vernal pool evaluations. There are three potential certifiable pools but he identified six altogether. There are two reasons they are here tonight. One is because Shaw Lane is becoming impassable, growing in with brush and limbs on the shoulders. They are going to trim back the shoulder so there is access to the roadway.

J. Hager explained there would be an actual tree contractor. They haven't selected them yet, but they might see Groundscapes, who specializes in invasive vines as there are a lot of invasive species in this area.

A. Allen said they would be doing detailed delineations on portions of this site that are suitable for things like playing fields and open areas, with potential DPW on the Central Turnpike road area. A potential communications tower site was pointed to on the map. They won't know what the impacts would be until they get the site delineated and surveyed. They are looking to do the work without any impacts to the wetland areas and to utilize all the existing infrastructure.

J. Hager explained they would get the roadway work done now. A. Allen will survey a certain areas on the property. She explained they would only do what is on the Shaw Master Plan dated December 7, 2011. J. Hager then explained that a second eagle scout has come forward to continue with a portion of the work that was permitted by the Commission. She explained they did not get the grant for all the drainage work coming off Central Turnpike which will not be able to be done at this time, along with the span crossing on the Shaw Trail. There will be parking on the Central Turnpike side, which will be graded by Highway and have two gravel spots to park. It will be about two - three years before they can bring on any substantial debt to proceed with the potential Highway Dept. facility on Central Turnpike. The design work for this facility and the track work will be done in the same contract in about two years. They need to decide what will be done with the house. The house has been used for Police and Fire training, but has vandalism issues and structural issues. They will not touch the barn, but will maintain it for now. If they go forward with the track, there needs to be parking. A possible sidewalk from the school to this site would be constructed, possibly by the state. She will get the Commission any evaluations that A. Allen has done to date for the files.

7:20pm

227 Putnam Hill Road/Blackstone National Golf Course

Present: Michael Gordon

M. Briggs explained there is a situation on this site with water issues.

M. Gordon explained the problem of water flooding the greens. He has installed pumps to disperse the water to other areas, also utilizing this water for the other greens. He is losing grass but can't pull out the pumps from the wells at this time and doesn't know what the problem is. Mr. Gordon explained that DOT has a problem down stream and wants them to extract the water from the pond area. He is trying to get enough water in his own on site pond to be able to water when the ponding area is not flowing.

J. Sheehan suggested an Emergency Certificate pending the Order of Conditions so they can extract the water regularly.

M. Briggs said to take accurate readings, create a log, take pictures of the start numbers of the meter and log that information in. The Commission will have the consultant double check the meter. An Emergency Certificate would be given for two weeks when they come in for the Notice of Intent.

Mr. Gordon wrote his letter to the Commission tonight and would be able to pick up the processed Emergency Certificate the next day. Then he would return with the Notice of Intent at the next meeting.

NEW PUBLIC HEARING

3 Southwick Way

No DEP# RDA filed

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 installation of a new in-ground pool.

Present: Norman Hill, Land Planning, for John & Maribeth Leary, owners

N. Hill explained where the wetlands were and where the owners would like to put their in-ground pool. They have a ZBA meeting the next night for a variance to go 30' over.

B. Faneuf summarized his site visit showing the pictures from the video.

Abutters:

Mr. & Mrs. David Clark, 42 Purgatory Road are concerned with the boundary line with the surveyor's markers that are now on his property.

N. Hill replied and explained that those are transverse points not boundary lines.

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 to the Commission, prior to construction, with the Board of Appeals approval, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

CONTINUATION

Route 146/Boston Road Improvements/Mass DOT

DEP#303-0744 from May 16, 2012

The continuation was opened at 7:35pm. 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: John Witch, Design Consultant, WSP SELLS, Susan McArthur, and Joe Brawley, Mass DOT, Victoria Parsons Mass DOT wetland unit.

J. Witch explained about the existing pipe and the drop inlet that was uncovered on Pleasant Valley Road, and how they will improve this area along with the Route 146 and Boston Road improvements

B. Faneuf summarized his comments from the last meeting.

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 the documents and data provided by the applicant and the Conservation Commission special conditions, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

72 Wilderness Drive

NO DEP#RDA filed

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:00pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of installation of a dock.

Present: Laura & Robert Mackinnon, owners

L. Mackinnon explained the existing dock and plans that they had submitted showing the existing retaining wall. They are 104' and 144' from the abutters on either side. This is a removable aluminum dock, with no work proposed on the bank and will be where the old dock was located. They have an outstanding Order of Conditions when they purchased the property from the Federal Government. They are closing on the house that they are selling at the end of the month and will use the funds from that closure to fund the closing out of this past Order of Conditions on this property.

M. Briggs asked about the work to be done in the dock area, and asked where they would store the dock in the winter months.

L. Mackinnon replied there was already a dock and raft there that they would remove and replace. Then they would store the new dock indoors as the company suggested.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

15 Torrey Road

No DEP# RDA filed

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 installation of an in-ground pool.

Present: Jack McCathy, MaCathy Pools, for David & Linda Flamand, owners

J. McCarthy explained the pool that the owners would like to install in their back yard. He told the board the location of the pool would be within the existing lawn, showing on the topo plan used.

B. Faneuf summarized his site visit using the pictures taken.

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 erosion control provision Of straw wattles being used along the down slope of the work area inclusive, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

Project Update

8:15pm

15 Tuttle Road

Present Paul Hutnak, Andrews Survey for Jeff Perry, owner

This has been continued, with the applicant's permission, to July 25, 2012.

New Public Hearing

51 Burbank Road

DEP#303-07 NOI filed

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 single family home with soil testing, topo, and design.

Present: Seth Lajoie, Associates, Inc., Peter Sangermano, owner

S. Lajoie continued, with the applicant's permission, to July 25, 2012

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to July 25, 2012, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

BOARD BUSINESS

Approve Minutes for April 4th & April 18th, & May 2, 2012.

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 4th, April 18th, and May 2nd 2012, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Wetland Project Updates

42 Bond Hollow Road - B. Faneulf reviewed the updates on this project.

The Board endorsed the permit for **11 Carr Street, 44 Marble Road & 65 Century Farm Road**

There were no Routing Slips for the Board to sign.

Discussions were as follows:

34 Bond Hollow Road/David Marois – The Board reviewed the revised plans from BOH for Mr. Marois to build a house, and found it necessary for him to file a Notice of Intent.

Unexpected Business

There was a discussion of importance on the **Habitats of Potential Species of Regional or Statewide Importance**, by B. Faneulf.

227 Putnam Hill Road/Blackstone National Golf Club/M. Gordan, owner, a site visit was done by M. Briggs. The Board issued an Emergency Certificate for work to be done before Mr. Gordon returns with a Notice of Intent for future work.

290 Manchaug Road/Albert Lavallee needs to file an RDA for the Driveway/Road maintenance needed.

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 9:25pm.