

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 20, 2013
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 Update

7:00pm

Waters Farm Preservation, Inc.

Present: Ken Kelley, President, Norma Bedrosian, Director

K. Kelley read the annual report and summarized the year's events. He updated the Commission on what work would be done at the farm in 2013. The annual \$10.00 check for the Town was given to the secretary.

New England Power

DEP#303-0749

Present: Lee Curtis

L. Curtis came in to review the recording page of the Order of Conditions. It had the wrong docket listed and they would like to correct the error. She also asked if construction included the tree removal.

J. Sheehan replied that he would be ok with the tree removal before installation of erosion controls because of the placement of the controls among the trees that need to be removed.

B. Faneuf agreed with the placement of erosion controls after the trees are cut. They will do a pre-construction meeting. He explained the project monitoring and spot checking. He will send the OOC to the secretary to re-print for the records and send the corrections to them.

New sheets C100 and C400 were stamped as received for the records.

42 Bond Hollow Road

DEP#303-0633

Present: Tim & Shayna Fisher, owners

T. Fisher explained the areas that would be stabilized and seeded. They will be putting in wing walls to stabilize the area. They may abandon the project until litigations have been done with the previous contractor. Bien Construction will be doing the bridge wing walls.

J. Sheehan told the owner that he can't wait with the erosion controls. What is there is better than what was there two months ago, but it's still not effective. The area still needs to be stabilized. He explained where everything is going down the swales.

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M. Briggs stated that there is more than 5,000sf of exposure on this site that needs to be stabilized. He explained that this may trigger a higher jurisdiction than the Sutton Conservation Commission.

J. Sheehan said they need professional help to re-do this area, possibly someone that has experience with Mass Highway standards, because what is exposed is like a highway type project. They need to stop the stuff going into the resource and buffer zone areas.

J. Sheehan said if they are not going to be at the next meeting, the person they chose needs to be here. It is necessary to check on the erosion controls, make sure the site is stabilized, and to check the area before a storm. Conservation needs to know who they will be getting to work on this project.

B. Faneuf summarized his last site visit of the project.

M. Briggs said they need someone needs to act in their place at the next meeting, while they are gone.

124 Manchaug Road

Present: Ronald Hadge

A. Aubin explained that the owner is now going to demolish the house and the garage. They need to remove the trees between the house and garage to put in the septic system. One of the trees is hanging over the neighbor's house and is dangerous. It needs to come down now and she suggested an Emergency Certificate to take down the trees. Mr. Hadge did not come in tonight. Apparently his plan isn't finished and that was why he wasn't at this meeting.

26 Mallard Way

DEP#303-0755

Present: John Murray

An Enforcement Order with a letter sent out to the owner.

M. Briggs read the letter sent. He feels Mr. Murray didn't receive the letter.

The secretary said she sent the letter to the address on the Assessor's card and there has been no response.

M. Briggs replied that he recommends issuing a warning ticket, with another letter to come in to explain what is going on. They need to explain why they are doing extra work that isn't on the original Order of Condition plans.

Someone may want to do another site visit this weekend.

NEW PUBLIC HEARING

None at this time

CONTINUATIONS

56 – 58 Main Street

DEP#303-0757 from October 17, 2012

The continuation was opened at 8:15pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

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The project consists of construction of two quadraplex housing buildings (total of 8 units) built townhouse style in the uplands area.

Present: Thomas Finacom, owner

T. Finacom gave an update from the previous meeting, and explained the revised changes on the moving of the boundary lines for the re-configuration of the lot lines from the Building Department. The plans also show storm water management.

B Faneuf questioned how they will mitigate the impact of taking down 125 trees.

Mr. Faneuf read the DEP's comments into the record.

See attached DEP comments dated 11-19-12.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to April 17, 2013, by J. Sheehan

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 5-0-0

227 Putnam Hill Road/Blackstone National Golf Club

DEP#303-0747 from July 25, 2012

The continuation was opened at 8:25pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of surface water withdrawal from wetland/pond to augment irrigation of golf course on an emergency basis only.

Present: Donald Provencher, Provencher Engineering, LLC, Dave Burke, Michael Gordon, owner

M. Briggs explained the need for the Emergency Certificate, based on the fact that they had two wells that were encroaching property and three wells that were not. The Commission asked the owner as to investigate them if they were in need of repair or inadequate in capacity.

M. Gordon explained the three well replacement pumps. Contracts were submitted to the Conservation office and they plan to fully service those three wells and replace the pumps. He explained the process that they need to do.

M. Briggs reviewed the list of what information the Commission needs on the five wells, pumps, and gages.

B.Faneuf summarized the pump, wells, and water levels information, and the beaver bog issue. He would like to request the hearing stay open to document the conditions and to see if there are any vernal pools.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to May 1, 2013, by J. Sheehan

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 5-0-0

8:30pm Project Update

78 Torrey Road

Present: Steve O'Connell, Andrews Survey, Steve & Charla Kroll, owners

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S. O'Connell explained that the owner's short term goals are restoration of the property. Part of their forestry plans is to create access to the property which would also serve as a driveway. The challenge is the access from Torrey Road. The forestry activities from the past left the property in pretty rough shape and diverted ground and surface flows and created channels and ditches from skidders. The property has changed. There is also a problem with ATV's going across and making a mess, along with a lot of erosion created. This is still under forestry, but they want to stabilize the area with the intent of possibly building a home.

Mrs. Kroll explained what they have seen on the property.

B.Faneuf reviewed the pictures that he had from a previous filing,.

S. O'Connell said the owners want to file a NOI and put a driveway in the best possible area. They have done a Form A with the NOI and Appendix A & B for the crossing. There will be a restoration plan and a replication area, but they need the Commission's guidance to do the NOI.

J. Sheehan suggested a limited project.

BOARD BUSINESS

Wetland Project Update:

Minutes from March 6, 2013

Motion: To accept the minutes of March 6, 2013, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

The Board endorsed the permit for 64 Merriam Lane, 40 Maple Lane

There were no Routing Slips for the Board to sign.

Discussions were as follows: The updated Agenda information was reviewed. The times would be removed to be able to accommodate the project updates and continuations without having to wait for a time to open those projects.

Unexpected Business

J. Smith updated the Board about the Nature Trail behind the school that she created in 1977. Evan Stonebreaker contacted her and would like to do restoration work.

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.

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Motion: To adjourn, by J. Sheehan
2nd: J. Smith
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 10:25pm.