

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
July 10, 2013  
MINUTES

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mark Briggs thanked the two Commissioner, Jack Sheehan and Daniel Rice for their services on the Conservation Commission for the time that they both served.

**Project Updates**

**7:00pm**

**53 Waters Road/Waters Farm**

Present: David Farnham, Active Member

Dave Farnham explained and presented the plans to the Board, as to what Waters Farm would like to do in the Lumberjack Area for Farm Days in October. He asked what needs to be done to level an area to make the lumberjack show area safer for the participants. They want to strip the top soil, level the area, put down gravel, top it with loam and re-seed.

J. Smith suggested that when the top soil is removed, they set it aside and reuse the top soil after the gravel is put down.

A Aubin said to not use the gravel from the site behind the Shingle Mill. That gravel may contain salt and contaminants from road sweeping. They should use new gravel.

M. Briggs stated there doesn't seem to be any danger of runoff, but asked that the Waters Farm people notify Conservation when the project is complete, and someone will do a site visit.

See Attached #1, area plans.

**NEW PUBLIC HEARING**

**7:20pm**

**236 Manchaug Road**

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 digging a trench from the existing well to the new proposed single-family home.

Present: Eric Bassett for Cheryl Peterson, Heritage Design Group, Wesley Helgesen, Owner

A. Aubin stepped down as an abutter. With only two commissioners, there was not a quorum. Therefore an official hearing could not take place.

M. Briggs discussed this dilemma. No action or vote was taken.

B. Faneuf stated the Board has 21 days to perform their review.

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E. Bassett showed the plans for the work that would be done to put in a new water and electric line. They would be outside the buffer zone, but within the 200' riverfront.

M. Briggs said that if there is no quorum by July 24th they would not be able to act on this and the applicant will get an automatic approval, after the 21 days are up. He suggested that Mr. Bassett check on the trees to come down, and to use erosion controls in the area of question.

Alyse Aubin, abutter, provided information that the area in question has been recently logged. E. Bassett had not viewed the site and did not know about the logging.

No action was taken. This was continued to the next meeting. Guidelines were given for them to go forward.

B. Faneuf suggested they show a permanent limit of work line around the water line and any clearing within the 200' jurisdictional area.

### **7:40pm**

#### **Q143N Lines/South of Mendon Road**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:40pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of performing overhead maintenance on one (1) wooden electric transmission pole within the Q143N electric transmission right-of-way.

Present: David Cowell, BSC Group for National Grid Company

D. Cowell explained the work they would be doing and the area they would be working in, that is not within the buffer zone or the resource area.

B. Faneuf suggested that they use the bio-degradable rolls when installing the erosion controls.

M. Briggs asked them to send the Commission a sketch of the erosion controls for the record.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Smith  
2nd: A. Aubin  
Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, by J. Smith  
2nd: A. Aubin  
Vote: 3-0-0

### **CONTINUATIONS**

#### **227 Putnam Hill Road/Blackstone National Golf Club**

**DEP#303-0747** from July 25, 2012

The continuation was opened at 7:45pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the

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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

D. Provencher reviewed the information written in the third draft. They are ok with the information listed in the third draft.

M. Briggs explained the past work on this project. The Commission would like an affidavit of the water gages before and after any water withdrawal from the " beaver bog".

B. Faneuf stated there is enough evidence to indicate that this pond is NOT a vernal pool.

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

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 3-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of conditions of the latest draft with the additional information about the bench marks, by J. Smith

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 3-0-0

### **56 – 58 Main Street**

**DEP#303-0757** from October 17, 2012

The continuation was opened at 8:05pm. M. Briggs read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

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

Not Present: Alton Stone, Alton Engineering, Thomas Finacom, owner

This was continued, with the applicant's permission to July 24, 2013, by A. Stone.

Motion: To continue, with the applicant's permission to July 24, 2013, by J. Smith

2nd: A. Aubin

Vote: 3-0-0

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **Wetland Concerns and Updates:**

A site visit was done at **42 Bond Hollow Road** - B. Faneuf summarized his site visit prior to the meeting tonight.

The Board tabled the Minutes from June 5, 2013, & June 19, 2013 for further review.

There were no permits to endorse.

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Discussions were about **15 Tucker Lane** - a site visit would be done by A. Aubin for the Certificate of Compliance.  
**294 Manchaug Road** - this is on the July 24th agenda for project updates.

Site visit for **129 Hartness Road**/Ron Whitney - need to get an As-Built plan.  
**48 Griggs Road** - site visit was done by M. Briggs, riprap, and the pipes still need to be redirected.

The Board reviewed the Correspondence

**Unexpected Business:**

**297 Manchaug Road** - no work has been done since T. Sharkey has been in front of the Commission, however the site is stable.

**6R Torrey Road** - this foundation has been installed and the erosion controls are stabilizing the site.

Anyone interested in purchasing the DVD for any public hearing at this meeting, please contact Pam Nichols 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. Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup>: A. Aubin  
Vote: 3-0-0

Adjourned at: 8:20pm.