

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 4, 2015

MINUTES

Approved: 

Present: Joyce Smith Chair, Lauren Rothermich, Daniel Moroney, Robert Tefft, and William Wence
Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

Public Hearing (New)

7:00pm 13.5 Sunrise Drive

No DEP# RDA filed

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of removing an unhealthy tree that poses a risk.

Present: Mary Lou Mulhane for, Suzanne Turner, owner

M. Mulhane explained she was the representative for this filing which has one unhealthy tree shedding its bark and pieces of the tree falling off near the cottage.

All three filing were opened, as the owners are working together to remove dangerous and unhealthy trees.

M. Mulhane explained that all three properties have a retaining wall on the water's edge and they would be glad to replant 3 bushes/tree along the retaining wall in place of the 6 trees they would like to remove on the three properties.

The Commission agreed that they would accept three (3) bushes for each large tree removed and they should be planted close to the water to provide shade. They must be native species such as blueberry bushes, mountain laurel, or winter berry holly and at least a 3 gallon size. The owners have a choice as to which bushes they would like to re-plant.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by L. Rothermich
2nd: D. Moroney
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, providing the planting plan is followed with native species, by L. Rothermich
2nd: D. Moroney
Vote: 5-0-0

Public Hearing (New)

7:00pm 15 Sunrise Drive

No DEP# RDA filed

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10pm. J. Smith read the hearing notice as it appeared in the Millbury Sutton Chronicle.

The project consists of removing three unhealthy pine trees that pose a risk.

Present: Mary Lou Mulhane for, Susan Smith, owner

M. Mulhane explained there were two trees close to the property line, and the other tree is close to the septic

system. Mrs. Smith would replant 9 bushes along the retaining wall in place of the three trees coming down.

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Public Hearing (New)

7:00pm 16 Sunrise Drive

No DEP# RDA filed

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

The project consists of removing two unhealthy trees that pose a risk.

Present: Mary Lou Mulhane, owner

M. Mulhane explained that the red pines have a needle problem and branches are falling. She would replant six bushes along the retaining wall in place of the two trees coming down.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by L. Rothermich
2nd: D. Moroney
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: To issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, providing the planting plan is followed with native species, by L. Rothermich
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Project Update

7:20pm 90 McClellan Road

Present: Timothy Thompson, owner. A letter was sent out to the owner because of a complaint that was received by the Conservation Office.

T. Thompson explained he built a small 8 x 10' shed on his lawn area where it was flat, and received the cease and desist letter in the mail.

W. Wence did the site visit and explained how the area was flat and he didn't see any impact to the wetland area.

T. Thompson explained the shed placement near the house. He asked if he could plant a barrier of native plants along the back yard of his property to make it look nicer than what the area looks now.

The Commission agreed that his shed was not in the wetlands and he could plant a barrier as long as the bushes/shrubs were native to the area.

Public Hearing (Cont.)

7:00pm 9 Harback Road

DEP#303-0820

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:40pm.

Dan Maroney stepped down from the board.

Motion: To waive the reading of the hearing notice, by W. Wence
2nd: L. Rothermich
Vote: 4-0-0

The project consists of redevelopment of existing Commercial/Industrial property, demolition of two buildings, and hazardous waste and debris removal.

Present: Gary Magnusson, CMG, Michael Zorena, New Covenant Partners, LL

D. Moroney stepped down.

G. Magnusson reviewed the notes from the last meeting, stating that they fixed the berms. They plan to get the debris out of the area, open the stream up, clean up the drainage area, take the dead trees out, add a grass swale, and add two or three stone check dams. There would be no change to the monitoring well. They will be flagging and installing the erosion controls immediately.. They will also repair the dry well near the wetlands area in the back of the building for the downspouts and would use gravel in the area behind the building, so the overhead door could be used.

B. Faneuf requested they remove the tires and trees from the brook also.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by W. Wence
2nd: L. Rothermich
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue an Order of Conditions, by W. Wence
2nd: L. Rothermich
Vote: 4-0-0

Project Update

8:00pm 34 Bond Hollow Road/D. Marois, owner

DEP#303-0769

B. Faneuf reviewed an update on the project. There is an issue with the roadway drainage that the highway needs to be aware of. A letter would be sent to the owner listing outstanding issues and asking him to contact the highway department.

8:05pm 44 Marble Road

DEP#303-0741

Present: Cindy Campbell, potential owner

This was a no show and was continued to the next meeting on November 18th during board business.

Emergency Certificate:**7:30pm****19R Central Tpke/Dam** in the woods housing 15 Beavers

Kurt Robie will send me an email with information because he couldn't come in tonight and doesn't feel that they need the Emergency Certificate after all. The owner, Curtis Robie, Kurt's father hired Malcom Speicher to trap the Beavers, however they are land locked and need to get permission from the land owners to enter to trap the beavers, and also to fix the issues of the Dam. Mr. Robie has been in touch with the Office of Dam safety also and will receive their report.

Discussions:**7:35pm****171 Worc. Prov. Tpke/PV Crossing** – Art Allen's SWPPP update.

B. Faneuf summarized his view of the SWPPP. The problem area seems to be trash getting into the wetlands from behind the grocery store. Brandon Faneuf suggested that the trash needs to be removed from the wetlands at least once a month.

7:55pm

125 Central Turnpike – wetland restoration/EO/A second certified Letter was sent on November 13, 2015 with a deadline date for finishing the restoration. Mr. Enos sent an email with the status of the work stating that over the weekend he had someone come in with a bobcat, however he was unable to do any work because the dirt was slippery. He ended up using a small trailer, a lawn mower and a shovel to replace the materials, and hopes to be done on Wednesday morning before the meeting.

J. Smith did a drive by and stated that the material was back in place

8:00pm**277 Central Turnpike/C. Murray** – no response or information

Site Visits to be done for a Certificate of Compliance:

11 Marsh Road – site visit for a Certificate of Compliance was done by B. Faneuf.

Motion: To issue a Certificate of Compliance with a note, no further work to be done, by D. Moroney
2nd: W. Wence
Vote: 5-0-0

BOARD BUSINESS

The Board approved the Minutes of October 21, 2015.

Motion: To accept the minutes of October 21, 2015, by L. Rothermich
2nd: W. Wence
Vote: 5-0-0

There were no Complaints at this time.

The Board didn't sign any routing slip at this meeting.

The Board reviewed the Letter for 297 Manchaug Road to be signed by the Chair and mailed out.

The Correspondence and Track Sheets were reviewed.

The Board reviewed the Letters sent out to the list below. Sent on 08-19-15

***383 Boston Road/School**

A site visit was done on November 4th by B. Faneuf and J. Smith and W. Wence with Roger Raymond.

B. Faneuf reflagged the wetlands so R. Raymond will know where they are and not dump in them.

He was informed that what remains of the erosion controls need to be removed. Mr. Raymond will contact the contractor for the project.

No information received on these letters sent out:

First letters sent to:

11 Carr Street/B. Garret

6R Torrey Road/Flagg - #303-0737

11 Dudley Lane/Gianni Romeo, owner will file an NOI to install the septic system.

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.

Motion: To adjourn, by D. Moroney

2nd: W. Wence

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Conservation Sign in Sheet

Date: 11-4-15

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