

SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 6, 2017

MINUTES

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

Present: Daniel Moroney, Chair, Joyce Smith, Co-Chair, Andrew DeWolf, Robert Tefft, and William Wence

Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary  
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

**Board Business**

**7:00 pm 115 Leland Hill Road**

Present: Daniel & Hope Snyder, owner

B. Faneuf explained the complaint that came in three weeks ago about the work that was taking place within a wetland resource area. Photos were taken of the new disturbance, cleared bush, cut wood etc., along with a video that was reviewed. This area is directly adjacent to Leland Hill Estates, some of which showed in the video. Skunk cabbage was also seen in the 100' buffer zone of the BVW. There is land and soil disturbance.

D. Snyder told the Board that this small piece of property has his well on it and he has been cleaning out all the debris for about a year now to get to the well. He planted bushes next to the wall taken from his house across the street.

D. Moroney said the issue is that he was working near the wetlands and needed to file with the Conservation before he did any work.

A. DeWolfe asked if he did the clearing to maintain the well site.

D. Snyder said he needed to seed the area and wants to move two more bushes from across the street.

B. Faneuf said he could maintain the path and seed it but don't make it any wider.

D. Snyder said that he will now be able to keep the path open to get to his well if it needs fixing.

B. Faneuf replied the path is 8' to 10' from the road, seed that area to stabilize it, plant the bushes, but remove the materials and equipment from the area. Nothing can be stored within the resource area.

D. Moroney said no new work is allowed.

B. Faneuf replied that he would do a site visit in a couple of weeks to see if the equipment has been removed and the area seeded.

**Public Hearing (Continuation)**

**7:05 pm 28 Wheelock Road**

DEP#303-0839

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm.

Motion: To waive the reading of the hearing notice, by W. Wence  
2nd: J. Smith  
Vote: 5-0-0

The project consist of construction of a single-family house, septic and well within 100' buffer zone of a BVW.

Unavailable: Margaret Bacon, Mike Yerka, Civil Site Eng. Timothy Morse, owner

This has been continued to September 20, 2017 at 7:50pm.

Motion: To continue to September 20, 2017 at 7:50 pm, by W. Wence  
2nd: J. Smith  
Vote: 4-0-0

### **Project Discussion**

#### **7:20 pm 26 Tuttle Road**

Present: Paul Larson, owner

Mr. Larson came into the office and wants to rebuild the stonewall on his property. He was asked to come in front of the Commission, at the next meeting, to explain how the work would be done. If the wall is redone in kind with no equipment use, he doesn't have to file with the Conservation.

### **Public Hearing (Continuation)**

#### **7:35 pm 489 Central Turnpike**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 pm.

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

The project consist of new construction of the Sutton Police Station, parking lot, sidewalks, berm & curbing, drainage structures, install mechanical equipment, oil/water separator, holding tank, guardrail, fence fire cistern, water lines and associated grading & landscaping.

Present: Jeff Howland, Shelley Hultgren, JH Engineering Group, Art Allen, Eco Tech, Marty Linder, abutter  
Town of Sutton/Police Station property, Matt Salad, Civil Engineer

A.Allen summarized the revisions made to the plans from the last meeting showing the building's layout and everything pulled out of the 25' buffer zone area. There is still grading in that area. Once graded they will do the wild flower seeding. There have been significant changes to the layout with the building revisions and they pulled all the disturbed areas out of the 25' buffer zone. They propose to keep that area natural. They show two new storm sceptors. Five 5" or greater trees were located and to be removed near the drainage area in the corner. The trees are not on the plan but will be on the landscape re-planting plans. The extended outfall shown is going into the wetland and most of these outfalls would be removed. The snow storage is shown on the plans.

R. Tefft questioned what was in that area now and they may or may not have met some of the criteria. The set of plans given to the Conservation over the weekend does not show any snow storage.

B. Faneuf said there were two primary concerns: one is the riprap near the wetlands, and two, the grading and replanting within the 25' no touch wetland buffer zone area. There is the question of the small grass strip between the wetland and woods.

A. Allen said that they would use New England grass seeding in that area.

B. Faneuf asked if they would let him know when they do the slope.

A. Allen replied they would loam and seed with N.E. wildflower mix in that area.

R. Tefft replied that the 2' strip accommodates the guardrail area.

B. Faneuf explained the plans are required one week before the meeting, but he received them on Friday before the weekend and he didn't had the time to review it properly.

Jim Smith apologized for the late plans, due to the office being closed the week before the meeting, because the secretary was on vacation.

R. Tefft questioned the snow storage and its location.

M. Salad reviewed where the storage would be located and said any excess that would be removed from the site.

R. Tefft was concerned about riprap from the highway and the 23 catch basins going into the swale. He would like to see snouts on the catch basins, and asked what kind and how deep the traps would be.

R. Tefft explained how the storm scepter works. They cannot treat all the water, just from the first flush, which only gets 20 percent of the water. He asks why tie in the roof drains in this system and treat clean water? The roof should have its own drain on its own system.

If a 1000-gallon concrete septic tank is used, it needs a double walled tank with alarms and details on how the separator works. He also asked how the contractor will deal with the water and what will they use to remedy this situation.

M. Salad replied they have the dewatering details on the revised plans, which he will forward to Mr. Tefft.

R. Tefft questioned the downspouts next to the garage, for them to check them again on the plans. He asked the length of the Bay and if there was room for a flatbed to turn.

M. Salad replied the door would be 12' in a 32' garage

A. butter:

Marty Linder, 512 Central Turnpike, is concerned with the roof drains 6, 8, or 10' away from the buildings, there isn't enough room. He also said Mass storm water allows you to not treat roof water. He questioned

the two separate cistern tanks.

M. Salad replied the two contractors would coordinate this together.

W. Wence stated that they should have come to Conservation at the beginning of the project and not at the end. This may have prevented some of the revisions necessary to the plans.

J. Smith stated that the silt fence used needs to be 100 percent biodegradable, and mulch is better than straw.

B. Faneuf questioned the removal of the problem culvert. They need to put a temporary limit of disturbance around it to start to remove the existing culvert.

The stream bed restoration needs to be on the plan with a written narrative.

R. Tefft wanted to know what the lighting on the would site be like.

M. Salad replied pole mounted LED lights.

A. A. Allen read the notes that were on the revised plans.

Motion: To continue to September 20, 2017 at 8:05 pm, by W. Wence

2nd: J. Smith

Vote: 4-0-0

**Public Hearing (Continuation)**

**7:50 pm 159 Dodge Hill Road/A. Barry Paletta, Revocable Trust**

DEP#303-0848

Travis Brown, Andrews Survey

W. Wence stepped down.

Motion: To waive the reading of the hearing notice, by J. Smith

2nd: R. Tefft

Vote: 3-0-1

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:30 pm.

The project consists of construction of a single-family home with private well, septic, paved driveway and associated grading and utilities.

Present: J. P. Conley, Andrews Survey, A. Barry Paletta, Trustee.

J. Conley addressed and reviewed the comments by B. Faneuf.

R. Tefft questioned the wetland line boundary and said he didn't see the flags on the second sheet. He requested they add those flags to that page.

D. Moroney asked about the type of markers for the limit of mowing.

B. Faneuf replied, the signs need to be in the wet meadow at the wetland area only. They can be rail fencing, or boulders, but should be visible markers. Signs have been preferred by the Commission.

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W. Wence, 154 Dodge Hill Road, said there are plenty of big rocks on this property that could be used for markers.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing, by J. Smith  
2nd: A. DeWolfe  
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: To issue a negative Determination of Applicability for 159 Dodge Hill Road, by J. Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup>: A. DeWolfe  
Vote: 4-0-0

### **Discussion**

#### **8:05 pm 28R Central Turnpike/Dam**

Present: David Dudley, abutter

D. Dudley told the Board ownership for this dam has never been in his family's name, even though they tried to purchase the dam in 1995 from Mr. Robie and the 17 acres of back land. In 2015, he called the Office of Dam Safety because the water was running over the dam. He gave the Board the two letters from Mr. Robie. See attachment #1 He also gave the Board permission to cross his property to check this Dam at the Consevation's pleasure.

B. Faneuf explained how the Beaver Deceiver works. He will also do a site visit with one of the Commissioners before the next meeting.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Project Discussion: 26 Tuttle Road/Paul Larson, owner – Wall replacement issue.**

He will be asked to come to the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 pm to discuss what is needed to be filed.

### **Minutes:**

The Board voted on the Minutes of August 2, 2017 and August 16, 2017

Motion: To approve the minutes of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and August 16, 2017, by J. Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup>: W. Wence  
Vote: 5-0-0

The Board did not sign the C of C for **5.5 Sunrise Drive**/Richard Patient as a letter is needed from the Engineer stating all work has been done per the plans. **87 Duval Road** also needs an Engineer's letter for the work completed.

The Board signed another OOC for **160 Dodge Hill Road**, due to the misplacement of the old original Order.

**Project Update: 80 Worc. Prov. Tpke/Solar Farm**

B. Faneuf did a site visit with J. Smith. He updated the Board as to what work was finished and what work still needs to be done to address new issues before a Certificate of Compliance could be issued.

B. Faneuf emailed Scott Morrison on **289 Putnam Hill Road** for further information on the status of the replication area.

**192 Manchaug Road**/Porter Stephens, owner, was contacted via e mail to clean out the rip-rap plunge pool of debris which has been done. He is encouraged to send in the paperwork for his COC.

A third letter will go to **198 Manchaug Road**/Kevin Steele, owner, to finish the yard work and keep the erosion controls in place until everything has been stabilized by November 15, 2017, until another site visit has been done by B. Faneuf.

Guideline changes: Sub-committee review: The Sub-committee is working on the guidelines and making changes. However, they have not completed those changes and will give an update at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the Correspondence & Track Sheet Review

The Site Visit list was reviewed on several projects so they could receive their signed C of C. Everyone has the list to start to do the site visits then report back to the Board.

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>: W. Wence  
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 9:25 pm