

## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Clerk  
Re: **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 2/9/11**

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Mike Penko & Sandy Lajoie

### Meeting Timeline:

#### **7:30 PM NOI (continued) Landfill Closure Dave Therrien**

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- Resolved all issues with Natural Heritage.
- DCR still needs to weigh-in on the 12 acre land transfer (land swap). Natural Heritage is waiting for DCR before issuing permit.
- Con Com is working on the OOC; reviewing the draft conditions from Natural Heritage.
- Army Corp of Engineers needs to approve the regulatory aspect (real estate already done).
- Turtle escrow account draft has been approved; \$30,000 – of which 12% is for administrative needs.
- Turtle management plan is part of the CMP (Conservation Management Plan). No onsite mitigation. Dave T. will send a copy of the most current wetlands replication plan.
- Tentative calendar for site activities will be provided (mercury clean-up; erosions/siltation controls, etc..).
- An outside agent will be monitoring the process.

#### **8:05 PM General**

##### **Open Space**

- Motion of Con Com to allow use of town property (Stefans land) for after hours Night Walk on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

##### **Meeting Minutes**

- Read and approved minutes from 1/26/11.
- Read and approved minutes from Executive Session 1/26/11, minutes not to be released.

##### **Landstewardship**

- Discussion on committee membership, will review the Charter and see if needs to be amended. Further discussion at next meeting.

##### **Sweet William Farm**

- Waiting for State to send paperwork; Christa Collins of SVT will assist.
- MP will draft letter to Gail for clarification on 3 acre lot.
- SVT creating an MOU for the CR management; preference is to have SVT as primary manager.
- SVT offers a training session on CR management for Con Coms and Landstewardship Coms.

##### **Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.
- Motion to pay MS voucher from Land Conservation Fund – approved.

##### **Agent**

- Pay rate request of \$40/hour – 10 per week; discussion still on w/ Ashland to share this position. Town Manager is working on this.
- 111 Mendon St – waiting for snow to be gone for site visit.
- 47 Oak Dr – also waiting for site visit.
- 9 Christian Hill Rd – waiting for comments & response to Con Com comments.
- JR Estates – draft letter to Planning Board; will need to have a site visit after snow is gone; discuss turtle habitat. MP will email.
- MACC Annual meeting/conference March 5, 2011

- Park Watch – DCR program (Marcella attended) to encourage public involvement in watching and reporting any activities in the State Park/Forest land and include any conservation lands.

**9:30 PM Pending Concerns**

- Goss Pond Deed Restriction – was it ever recorded? Discussion of the trail around the pond is it town land or private property?

**9:35 PM Active Sites**

- COC's issued for MS projects on conservation properties.

**9:55PM Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes approved on** \_\_\_\_\_

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