

## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Re: **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 4/13/11**

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Scott Heim, Sandy Lajoie, (Tom Dodd at 8:25 pm)

### Meeting Timeline:

#### **7:35PM Blackstone Valley Tech HS - NOI James Brochu (BVT)**

- Brief update; site walk conducted Sun 4/3/11 – no issues w/ delineation of wetlands.
- Public Hearing closed; Motion to approve Order of Conditions – approved; Con Com will issue OOC w/in 21 days.

#### **7:40PM JR Estates (West River St) - RFD Mike Weaver (G&H)**

- Site visit conducted 4/9/11; no issues.
- Filing w/ Natural Heritage is being done.
- No changes to the FEMA Flood Plain maps which go into effect July 2011.
- Work area is outside the resource area.
- Public Hearing closed; Motion to sign Negative Determination – approved. Con Com will issue Negative Determination w/in 21 days.

#### **7:50PM 18 Elm St/Chamber property Cathy Taylor (Historical Commission)**

- House has removed; Upton Fire Dept conducted controlled burn training over course of 2 weekends; grass seed has been planted
- Looking to perform needed repairs to the chamber which will require draining and excavating to the original floor then repairing the walls. Some grading of the property may need to be done.
- MP suggested having an engineer check the ground water elevation levels to see if this is cause of water in the chamber.
- NOI was filed and OOC issued; need to check dates to see if OOC needs to be extended and/or amended.
- Looking to conduct these repairs summer 2011.
- Con Com would like a letter from Historical indicating work to be done; Hay bales or silt fencing will be required.

#### **8:10PM General**

##### **Open Space Committee**

- MP spoke with landowner on Pratt Hill re 32 acres he is looking to sell.

##### **Land Stewardship**

- Matthew Bachtold and Bill Taylor have expressed interest in joining the committee.
- Motion for MS to write letter to the BOS recommending Matthew and Bill as members of the committee – approved.

##### **SWF**

- MP met w/ owners to discuss the P&S.
- Owner wants to put up temporary greenhouses on the west side (“view” side). Open Space has discussed alternative locations to protect the view.
- Fund Raiser set for May 22.

##### **Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.
- Roughly \$700 in expense account; Land Stewardship looking to spend about \$100 for water bottles for the Boy Scouts for the work that they did.
- OS looking to purchase some lumber but will wait to see what is remaining in the account at the end of the FY.
- Looking to increase the amount from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the Warrant Article for the Agent.

**Site visits**

- 29 Warren St – TJ visited and spoke w/ homeowners; con com would need more info on work to be done to determine if any kind of filing is needed.
- 9 Christian Hill Rd – waiting for wetlands delineation; will need to be visited.

**Comment letters**

- Letter to Planning Board for suggestions of additional info needed for Con Com to review wetlands. Draft reviewed and approved w/ revisions. CS will finalize.
- Letter to Cody Henderson re: proposed OS plan off Prospect St. CS will revise draft w/ comments from members and email.
- Fowler St (Davidson’s LLFR plan) CS will send letter to PB w/ further clarification of wetlands and rare species (NHESP filing).

**Red Rock Grill (West Main St)**

- CS talking w/ owner as to proposal to put in a dock and rebuild “shack”; items still to be discussed: tree cutting; pathway clearing; mapped habitat area.
- Need to speak w/ DEP; CS is following up.

**ATM Warrant Article re: revolving fund**

- Blythe rewording language due to Town Counsel recommendation on the Wetland Bylaw Revolving Fund.

**8:50PM Active Sites**

**Southboro Rd**

- TD motion to continue maintenance of the water flow device (deceivers) – approved 5 to 1.
- Culverts (Southboro/Westboro Rd and other areas in town) whatever work to be done needs to be beaver resistant. Ltr to be sent to town manager.
- TJ discussed trapping as more cost effective beaver management vs installing deceivers that require constant maintenance.
- MP suggested someone regularly visit the active beaver sites to keep ahead or avert any problems. MS suggested someone from DCR monitor this as they are onsite anyway.

**Glen Echo – COC**

- Working on conditions.

**9:10PM Pending**

**85 Mechanic St**

- Letter was sent to the owner. She is not using this pile thus not adding more to it.

**9:15 Meeting Minutes** - Motion to approve mm from 3/23/11 – approved.

**9:20PM Denise’s items**

- RFD received from Recreation Commission for Kiwanis Beach project; ph set for 4/27 @ 7:30 pm
- Turtle Habitat escrow document for Maple Ave landfill; motion to approve & sign document – approved.

**9:30PM Meeting Adjourned**

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

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