

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
Cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant
Re: **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 5/11/11**

Members Attending:

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

Meeting Timeline:

7:30PM

South St Sand Pits

Henry Poirier/Pam Campbell

- Tree harvesting not clear cutting.
- Staying 100' from wetlands and 40' from property lines.
- Logger is Bill Cisco, Jr of Winchendon, selectively cutting.
- Approximately 2 more weeks of cutting.
- No foresting plan has been created as under the volume limit.
- Con Com has requested that they be notified when this round of tree cutting has been completed; and to be notified in advance of any future cutting plans.

Con Com Vacancy

- Letter from resident Alan Miano of North St; he is interested in serving on the Commission.

Glen Echo Estates – OOC

- CS preparing a memo to Pulte with a few items to be addressed.

Southboro Rd – beavers

- Beavers have built a large dam.
- MP suggested having Skip or Tim Davidson try to remove the dam to a level that will allow the pipes to be installed.
- TJ suggested trapping some of the beavers to keep the colony numbers down which will prevent them from building such large dams.
- Removing the dams is preferable but need to be careful not to release too much water as it can/will overflow Southboro Rd; culvert is small and can't handle water flow.
- Also need to be aware of dragonfly season.
- MS will contact Tim Davidson to get an estimate of cost to remove the dam.
- Motion made to authorize up to \$1500 to remove the large dam and move the material off site – approved.

8:25PM SWF, LLFR plan

- Discussion of the Large Lot Frontage Reduction Special Permit application submitted to the Planning Board; no wetland concerns.
- MS will draft letter to the PB;
- Motion to draft letter and authorize CS to sign – approved.

8:40PM 51 South St, LLFR plan

- CS wrote draft letter – comments from members.
- Wood turtle habitat – Rare Speicies/NHESP? MP will check the map.

8:50PM Opens Space Action Plan (2011 – 2017)

- Forest Stewardship Plan – create 1 plan to include Warren Brook and adjacent properties.
- Need to submit to the State w/in next few weeks; Needs to be done for SWF grant.
- CMRPC is currently reviewing.

8:50PM SWF

- MOU -- Review language for how the CR would be monitored.
- Enforcement and Legal defense.
- Easements – trail/cartpath width?
- Invoices for legal fees to be paid; SVT will pay \$3000 toward survey fee and town will pay the legal fees. (items related to the cabin have been removed from the invoices OS will pay).

9:35PM Mission Statements

- MS created draft of language for Land Stewardship – motion to approve minor updates – approved.
- MS created draft of language for Open Space Committee – motion to accept – approved.

9:45PM

Meeting Minutes - Motion to accept meeting minutes from 4/27/11 – approved.

Finances- Current vouchers signed.

Bottle Bill expansion – MS will draft letter of support to the BOS

9:50 JR Estates

- Deed restriction vs CR? Need to determine which.

10:00PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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