

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
Cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant
Re: **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 8/10/11**

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Jango, and Alan Miano

Meeting Timeline:

7:30PM Agent's report

Matt "Selby" Selby

- Update on RR/Maple Ave property; RR must comply with Clean Water Act; in contact w/ the Army Corp who ultimately come under the EPA; concerns about vernal pool that has been filled – spoke with the DEP in Worcester; trying to keep track of what is going on at the site so we can determine what needs to be done for mitigation/replication.

8:00PM 98 High St

Amy Correia

- Discussion of projects to be done and how to complete an NOI; RDA was filed in 2007; Members will set up a site visit.

8:40PM Agent's report – continued

- Discussion of various site visits; Copy of Report dated July 28 – Aug 10, 2011 attached.

9:35PM General

- Members to have ID cards; see Paula at the Police Station to have pictures taken.
- CS will provide info from Tennessee Gas pipeline spraying to the BOS for their meeting on 8/23.
- CS is creating language for a blanket RFD for the DPW to use for road projects; this of course is for non-wetland areas.

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- From 7/13/11 – amended; MP will re-type for next meeting.
- From 7/27/11 approved.

Website

- AM has begun working on updating; some minor changes made; working on revamping the format.

Governor's Landing

- review the letter from Kopeman & Paige re: final decision of the litigation.

Glen Echo

- Motion to issue CoC for Glen Echo roadways and infrastructure – 2nd and approved.

Open Space Committee

- Met with a couple of land owners on George Hill; they are looking to sell land with the interest in preserving it; MP discussed possible resource from Metacomet.
- Membership number? The Charter allows for 3 – 7 members and currently we think there are 9 which affects the quorum requirements. Should number be dropped or perhaps change the charter to allow for more members.
- OS conference on 8/20; Marcella & Bill are planning to attend.

Land Stewardship Committee

- Looking to do forest management & tree cutting – funding?? Possibly share the cost with Grafton; this would be SWF, Warren Brook and Pell Farm areas.
- Analysis of what timber is there (inventory) to determine what might be harvested to sell.
- Identify the goals.
- Educate the public on the need & benefit of cutting and management. Perhaps take a survey of public opinion.
- DCR may be able to offer some assistance.

SWF

- SVT MOU – final version incorporates language from town counsel and SVT; motion to approve and sign the MOU 2nd and approved.
- The Town has received the \$650,000 from the State.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Comment Letters

- Prospect St – CS will send letter to C. Henderson.

10:40M Pending Concerns/Active/Denise’s items

- 142 North St – litigation w/ Planning Board; will review Conservation comments.

10:45PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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