

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
Cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant
Re: Minutes of meeting: **Wednesday 9/28/11**

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

- Reviewed site visits and activities submitted in report dated 9/15 – 9/28/11 (attached).

7:40PM NOI - 98 High St (311-0653)

Amy Correia

- DEP has reviewed and found no problems.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

7:45PM Agent's report – continued

7:55PM NOI – Glen Ave Well field (Town of Upton/DPW) **Tata & Howard**

- Permanent replacement of wells by installing 3 new wells.
- 2 phases: Install the 3 wells; then connect all 3 to the existing pump station.
- After phase I the DWP is requiring short duration (24-48 hour) pump test; discharge will be out to the backside of the well field. Looking to start mid-October. All 3 wells will be tested at the same time (staggering startup).
- Zone 1 restrictions stay in effect.
- The old wells will be sealed and covered over allowing the natural plants to grow over.
- Notify Con Com prior to starting; will monitor entrance driveway for turtle activity.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

8:05PM NOI – 16 Elm St (Robinson)

Scott Morrison, EcoTec

- Remove & rebuild single family house that was destroyed in a fire; also replacing septic system; a few trees will need to be removed.
- A 12x40 foot trailer will be onsite until the new house is built and habitable. Will replant the area under the trailer if needed when trailer is removed.
- Swap hay bales and silt fence for silt socks and/or straw bales – preferred by Con Com; fencing may not be needed.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued; OK to remove the house.

8:25PM Amended NOI – 85 Crockett Rd

David Kraviec

- Upgrade septic to a Presby system.
- Concerns from abutters to the Con Com (emails submitted): parking on septic system – DK provided documentation that it is designed to withstand parking (shown on his plans as such); Nitrogen loading from the system into the pond – Presby system is designed to prevent this from happening.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

8:40PM RFD – 20 School St (Krupski)

Mark Allen, Allen Engineering

- House built in 2002; adding an addition and patio.
- Will need to remove a pine tree which is a hazard.
- Wetlands delineation was re-marked; all work is taking place in the existing lawn area.
- Will use a silt sock; all excavated material will be removed from the site.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

8:45PM Southboro Rd/CCC Way culvert – discussion with Mark Allen about re-using the stones from the culver; during the public hearing for the RDA of this project it was discussed re-using the existing stones to rebuilt the face of the culvert once the repair/replacement work is completed. Mark will talk with the DPW about this matter.

8:55PM CrossWinds Subdivision update

Kip ?? /Bob Poxon of Guerriere & Halnon

- Erosion controls are working.
- Staked no disturb area and areas designated for stock pile.
- Selby walked area with Vahan Sarkisian (owner) to discuss items from the existing OOC.
- Paving - next year (2012).
- Extension request should be submitted before expires.

9:05PM RFD – General Road work (DPW)

- This covers work to culverts, cross drains and general road maintenance.
- Discussion of conditions that will be issued in the determination: any increase to culvert size will require Con Com review; No decrease in culver size – replace in kind; Notifying Con Com of any work 48 hours in advance of projects; notifying Con Com in cases of emergency work.
- Would like a work plan for potential projects (yearly) and a yearly paving schedule.
- Would request that when a project is going to bid that Con Com be notified at that time.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

9:25PM Agent’s report – continued

9:30PM General

Website

- AM working on format/layout.
- Will include a section for meeting minutes.
- Suggestion made to include the common DEP forms.

Open Space Committee

- Motion to authorize MS to contact John Root re: presentation – approved.

Land Stewardship Committee

- Letters of support from Con Com for grants (MS); motion made for MS to sign letters – approved.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

JR Estates – waiting on town counsel to review language for draft CR.

79 Mechanic St – addition built on existing structure/barn; beavers have caused water to be closer than when original structure was built. Need to file RDA to ensure erosion control/stabilization will take place; need to loam and seed.

10:00PM Pending Concerns/Active/Denise’s items

Beaver Management/Southboro Rd

- Met w/ DPW and Town Manager on site (Southboro Rd) to discuss beaver management including trapping/removal of the beavers. CS will begin paperwork.
- DPW will assist in clearing the culverts and installing trash racks.
- Possible funds from Natural Heritage?? And DCR should be involved.
- Motion to trap beavers this year (now), seconded – split vote 3 yes/3 no.
- Motion to authorize the DPW to install trash racks as soon as possible and to designate \$1000 from the Beaver Fund , seconded and approved unanimously.

Approvals/sign-offs

Motion to sign the following applications, seconded and approved unanimously.

- 98 High St NOI
- Glen Ave well field NOI
- General Roadwork RFD
- 16 Elm St NOI
- 85 Crockett Rd Amended NOI
- 20 School St RFD

10:30PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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