

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant
Re: Meeting Minutes -- **Wednesday 11/9/11**

Members Attending:

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

Meeting Timeline:

7:40PM Agent's report Matt "Selby" Selby

- Reviewed site visits and activities submitted in report dated 10/27/11 – 11/9/11 (attached).
- Discussion with Blythe Robinson re: Southboro Rd water level & beaver dams.

8:00PM 216 East St - RDA Orland & Jennifer Campbell

- Addition to existing home; 80' from the edge of the river (Mill River is the property line).
- Excavation material will be removed from the site thus erosion controls are not needed.
- Excavation equipment will be from the driveway side of property.
- No tree removal; work is on existing lawn area.
- Hearing is closed.

8:05PM General/Pending/Active

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- Motion to approve minutes from 10/26 – 2nd & approved.

Website

- AM continuing clean up and update of website; If anyone has any links let him know.

Land Stewardship Committee

- Issue with land that National Grid owns and bridge & trail work. Scout will need to get liability insurance.

Continued discussion on Beavers Blythe Robinson, Town Manager

- Beaver activity at several other locations: Hartford Ave S; and Fowler St @ Mechanic St. Need for additional trapping and breaching of the dams will require the issuance of an Emergency Order.
- **Fowler St site** - TJ has offered to manage by trapping and removing beavers. He will trap if the Town pays for the traps (probably need a dozen) and pays for the permit (10 day permit).
- MP noted that this is a wood turtle habitat.
- Town will breach the dam then TJ will begin trapping; short term solution.
- Possible long term solution would be to install pond levelers however there may be too much water in this area for them to be effective. Will investigate.
- Motion made to issue an Emergency Order due to road and public safety concerns - 2nd and approved (4-Yes, 2-No and 1-Abstention). Order will be dated 11/16/11 and will be good for 30 days.
- **Hartford Ave S site** – short term solution to trap & breach the dam. Will need to bring in another trapper as TJ would be able to do this site too.
- Long term solution would be to install pond levelers – will investigate.
- Motion made to issue an Emergency Order due to road and public safety concerns – 2nd and approved (4-Yes, 2-No and 1-Abstention). Order will be dated 11/14/11 and will be good for 30 days.
- **Southboro Rd site** – some additional ideas: raise the beaver pipes to stop water from draining; may need to add another pipe and build a cage around for short term. Need to investigate pond leveler for this site as the deceivers are not working.
- TJ will contact Beaver Solutions about pipe & cage and find out cost of materials and installation. Motion was made to authorize TJ to hire him if cost is \$500 or less. – 2nd and approved.
- Ltr to State (DCR) will include a map of the Southboro Rd area; need to revise language as to additional steps the Town is taking; language for permanent/long-term solution must be included; also language for funding from the State; cc Rep Peterson. Town Manger is willing to co-sign w/ Con Com.

9:00PM 144 Chestnut St – RDA Grant Mackenzie
PH opened but applicant did not show. Hearing continued to Dec. 14 @ 8:10 pm.

9:01PM 79 MechanicSt – RDA Steve Deluca
PH opened but applicant did not show. Hearing continued to Dec. 14 @ 7:50 pm.

SWF

- MP announced that we have received the signed MOU.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.
- Article on upcoming STM 11/15 to move money that was put in the wrong account.

Approvals/sign-offs

- Motion to issue full COC for Lot 2 - 250 North St – 2nd & approved.
- Motion to issue partial for Lot 4 – 262 North St -2nd & approved.
- Ltr was sent to 8 Oak Dr asking to contact Con Com by 11/9/11. Have not heard from them. Motion was made to issue an enforcement order – 2nd & approved.
- Motion to issue a Negative Determination for 216 East St – 2nd & approved.

Reminder: No meeting Wed, Nov 23, 2011 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

10:00PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

