

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant
Re: Meeting Minutes -- **Wednesday 12/14/11**

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, 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 11/10 – 12/14/11 (attached).

7:50PM

79 Mechanic St - RDA

Steve Deluca

- Addition to existing barn; erosion controls were done; seeding has been done and grass is growing.
- Hearing closed.
- Negative Determination will be issued.

7:55PM

Continued Selby's report

8:10PM

144 Chestnut St RDA

Grant Mackenzie

- Demolish existing fire-damaged house; installing a new foundation w/ a basement and adding a second story on the existing footprint.
- Demo has been done but nothing further at this time.
- Erosion controls need to be shored up w/ hay bales.
- Hearing closed.
- Negative Determination will be issued.

8:15PM

5 Barbara's Path RDA

Matthew Mastroianni

- Cutting trees and installation of in-ground pool & shed.
- Some of the excavated materials will be used to fill a low spot in the existing lawn.
- Erosion controls will be installed.
- Hearing closed.
- Negative Determination will be issued.

8:25PM

Well Field No. 3 (off West River St) NOI

G. Devine and R. Cain/Tata & Howard

- Well Field expected to pump 500,000 gal/day;
- Pump station will be 28' x 38', located about 1300 feet off the street; will have a 12' wide gravel access road, only impervious surface will be an area next to the pump station for trucks.
- Erosion controls including socks & silt fences will be used.
- Storm water mitigation measures.
- NHESP has been filed; no response as yet (no DEP # issued yet).
- Pump station will have an 8' chain link fence around as required for security. Will need a max of 6" ground clearance to allow turtles to get in and out w/ trapping or blocking them.
- There will be a generator on site.
- Abutter's from across the street asked questions re: location of the vernal pool – will it be impacted by this project? Noise concerns; safety of chemicals; endangered species.
- Limit of the work is extensive due to the construction trucks that will need to access; A turtle sweep will be done prior to trucks and equipment driving on site.
- Pump testing – how will discharge of water be handled? Details will be provided.
- Hearing continued to 12/28 @ 8:00 PM; waiting for DEP # and NHESP letter.

8:50PM

Water Main Installation (West River St) NOI

G. Devine and R. Cain/Tata & Howard

- Running about 4,000 feet of ductile iron pipe from Riverbend Rd down West River St; water main will be exposed at bridge and will be suspended under the bridge and will be insulated.
- Main will exit West River St and be run along the cart path (2200') to the pump station; easement through Afonso & Richard properties.
- Access road will be a porous material which eliminates the need for catch basins and drains; allows for natural drainage & flow of water.
- There will be 5 culverts along West River St.
- Hearing continued to 12/28 @ 8:10 PM; waiting on DEP #.

9:15PM General/Pending/Active

Approvals/sign-offs

- 79 Mechanic St – motion to issue & sign Negative Determination – 2nd & approved.
- 144 Chestnut St – motion to issue & sign Negative Determination – 2nd & approved.
- 5 Barbara’s Path – motion to issue & sign Negative Determination – 2nd & approved.

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- Motion to approve & sign minutes from 11/9 – 2nd & approved.

Open Space Committee

- 84 Grove St has submitted written notice to remove approx. 6 acres from Chapter 61A; reviewed draft letter to the BOS to say that the land would be nice for the town to own but the OSC will not pursue.
- Motion to accept letter w/ minor amendment – 2nd & approved; CS will sign and send to Town Manager.
- SWF owner looking to create a new lot for just the farmhouse (ANR lot) so that the farm stand lot will be the “owner” of the CR land; the lot for the farmhouse will not affect or change the CR; lot will be carved out so as to be entirely outside the CR.

Land Stewardship Committee

- Need money for SWF parking area to grade and put down thin layer of gravel; also for some “temporary” fencing & signs to keep people on the trails and not private property.
- Motion made to allow MS to spend up to \$500 from the land maintenance fund – 2nd & approved.
- Forest Management Policy discussion set for 1/11/12 meeting from 8 – 9 pm.
- Boy Scout troop has requested to have an overnight camping trip @ Peppercorn Hill property.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Beaver Management

- Need to inform BOH of any expenditure from the Beaver Account; This is a joint account that may need a joint vote for any expenditure over \$500.00. CS will draft a written agreement.
- Request has been made of the Finance Committee for additional funds to cover the unanticipated expenses; Fin Com recommendation is to increase this item in next year’s budget.
- Need to look at other sites that are having beaver activity (such as Old Grafton Rd).

Other

- 5 Miscoe Hill Rd still have not filed; nothing further done.
- 8 Oak Dr?

Next meeting Wed, December 28, 2011

10:10PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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