

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 2/8/12

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
cc: Upton Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant

Members Attending:

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

Meeting Timeline:

7:30PM 94 Christian Hill Rd – Amended NOI B. Poxon & W. Moshier

- Application for a new shed 52' from wetlands.
- Applicant has asked to reduce the number of bound markers to 7? 7 is the acceptable number. Markers can be attached to large rocks/boulders.
- Markers need to be installed prior to building the shed.
- Hearing closed.

7:50PM NStar – CrossWinds RDA T. Bennett of Green Seal Environmental

- Installing 2 new gas mains to connect the subdivision to existing lines on Plain St and Station St.
- Erosion controls will be needed (silt socks preferable) avoid hay.
- Hearing closed.

8:00PM 103 Hopkinton Rd RDA J. Marquedant

- Septic system replace – existing system failed.
- The existing tank will be crushed and filled w sand.
- Erosion controls such as straw bales and silt fencing to be used.
- Hearing closed.

8:10PM General/Pending/Active

Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve & sign minutes from 1/25/12 – 2nd & approved.
- Motion to approve & sign minutes from 1/30/12 – 2nd & approved.

OSC

- Meeting with Planning Board on 2/14/12 to discuss Scenic Road bylaw.
- Discussion re: 2 lots of Town owned land off North St adjacent to Warren Brook that are land-locked (no frontage) that Con Com/OSC would sponsor an article for town meeting to put this land under protection of Con Com/OSC. MP is doing further research on these lots. Possible for ATM?
- Two land owners approached OSC about Town purchasing approx 35 acres that they want to protect. OSC is not looking to purchase at this time but suggested the owners do a land trust (possibly w/ Metacomet) with a CR.
- Draft CR for JR Estates will be sent to the Town Manager and Town Counsel.

Storm Water Bylaw

- Draft is coming for Con Com to review and provide comments. Hoping to have on warrant for ATM.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.
- Meeting w/ Fin Com on 2/15 to discuss FY13 budget.
- Should Regulation Fees be increased?
- Conservation Fund – need an article for ATM for \$2000.

Forest Management Policy

- Continued review of the draft. Need to define goals and include definitions as they may vary from the State's definitions.
- Key items are to determine the percentage of reserves; identify resource protection areas; cultural resources; forest cutting plans/practices
- Forest Products Fund – from the State? % comes back to the Town.
- Income from timber sales. Possibly create a revolving fund? Would need town meeting vote.
- MP will incorporate revision and provide another draft at next meeting.

Beaver Management update

- MS met with DCR to look at trail impact at the USF. Discussed moving the deceivers – Ask Selby to review.
- Trail system needs to be a priority and part of any long range plan needs to include maintenance of the trails.
- CS revising letter to the State.
- TJ noticed more activity at Fowler St possibly 1 or 2 beavers are back. Tom will trap if authorized.
- Motion made to allow Tom to trap at Fowler St – 2nd – 3 yes/1 no/3 abstentions – Approved. Tom will see BOH about permit.

Other

- Motion made to appoint Christine Scott as the Con Com rep to the CPC – 2nd and approved. Note: Bill Taylor is interested in serving on CPC – question is can an Associate Member serve?
- 8 Oak Dr has paved driveway.
- Motion to sign the following:
 - OOC for 94 Christian Hill Rd – 2nd and approved.
 - Negative Determination for NStar/Cross Winds – 2nd and approved.
 - Negative Determination for 103 Hopkinton St – 2nd and approved.
- Request for COC for 54 Fiske Mill Rd has been received - will discuss at next meeting.

10:30PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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