

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 3/14/12

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

Members Attending:

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

Meeting Timeline:

7:30PM 113 Mendon St NOI S. VanBuren/A. Allen, EcoTec

- Demo existing house and build a new house & garage and a deck.
- No structures will be closer than the existing to the wetlands; all building is on the existing lawn area.
- Wetland should have bound markers @ WF2 (15' up); WF5 (15' up) and WF7 (on line).
- No hay bales - they are planning to use straw bales.
- Notify 48 hours prior to start of construction.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

7:55PM General/Pending/Active

Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve & sign minutes from 2/22/12 – 2nd & approved.

Website

- AM will add a Stormwater section.

OSC

- Bill Taylor is the new Chair.
- Scenic Road Bylaw will be submitted to TM to be put on the warrant for the ATM.
- Info meeting has been set w/ Planning Board on 3/27/12.

LSC

- Planning a shed hunt (deer antlers) on Stefans land. Will have a presentation on what to look for.
- Bridge at Peppercorn Hill – Boy Scout spoke w/ National Grid; Nat'l Grid wants someone to take responsibility for the bridge – who LSC/ConCom/BOS?.
- MS will ask for Town Counsel advise (through Blythe)
- Nat'l Grid doesn't want to maintain or be liable for the bridge and trails.
- No new news on solar farm on Stefans land.
- Discussion of developing/expanding the turtle nesting grounds; there is funding from the landfill mitigation for turtles.
- Draft of JR Estates Conservation/Deed Restriction – reviewed comments from Town Counsel; CS will talk w/ Mike Weaver of Guerriere & Halnon.

Railroad

- CS had talk with owner (JDP) and he asked ConCom for ideas about mitigation for filling stream
- What is status w/ Army Corp review? Are they requiring mitigation?
- Mitigation pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act is a process: Avoid, then Minimize, and then Compensate for unavoidable impacts.
- MP indicated ConCom could/should provide suggestions for compensation but its best if ConCom did this in context of Army Corp Section 404 review.
- Its unclear if JPD looking for ideas for compensation to propose to the Corps.
- Invite JPD to meeting?
- Questions about additional sites – off Walker Drive; CS will contact JDP.

Stormwater Bylaw

- Committee is looking to put on the warrant for the ATM.
- A public hearing has been set for Con Com meeting on 4/11/12.

Beaver Management update

- Town (DPW) has cleared/cleaned the area at the trail head and graded it; Area is now in much better shape.
- EA presented info on a Bog Bridge possibly to be installed on DCR land. Possibility of DCR paying for materials.
- Discussion of moving, extending or re-directing the beaver deceiver; it could be moved per the DPW.
- TJ will contact Mike from Beaver Solutions to get an opinion on moving the deceiver. Find out when he is coming out for maintenance

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Other

- Motion to sign the following:
 - COC (retroactive) for 54 Fiske Mill Rd – 2nd and approved.

9:00pm Forest Management Policy

- Continued review of the draft.
- MP provided draft setback table and revised revolving fund article to be included in the policy.
- ConCom will not propose a revolving fund article at the upcoming ATM.

10:05PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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