

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 3/28/12

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, Sandy Lajoie and Scott Heim

Meeting Timeline:

7:35PM 2012 Town Road Projects - RDA L. Bombara & J. Johnson (DPW)

- Various projects – small road maintenance projects.
- List was submitted and reviewed with Selby.
- Prior to beginning need to review w/ Selby in order to discuss & mark appropriate erosion controls; Selby will need to make sure they are installed properly.
- None of the projects involve widening the roads; they are staying w/in the existing pavement areas.
- Any materials for erosion control can be re-used if possible; bid w/ the contractor may specify what is used.
- Chip seal last approximately 5 to 9 years; Asphalt is 15 years at max.
- Hearing closed; Negative Determination will be issued.

7:55PM 23 Hartford Ave N – NOI Caryn & Steve Pittman

- Replacing existing culvert as it is failing.
- Replacing the metal pipes w/in the concrete culvert w/ same size but using the same material as the Town uses for its projects. Pipes will be installed side by side.
- Wetlands impacted? No pond just the stream that runs under the driveway.
- Erosion controls – contact Selby prior to starting.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued w/in 21 days.

8:05PM Agents Report

- 113 Mendon St – recommend bounds at wetlands.
- 5 Goss Pond – septic replacement has already been done but are required to file an NOI; hay bales were installed. Incomplete NOI application has been submitted (no checks or abutters list). Will contact engineer, if no response EO will be issued.
- Cross Winds subdivision – drain pipe completed; manholes w/ grates; basins are done; drainage installed about 80% done; no erosion control issues; problem w/ bittersweet will discuss with contractor.
- Maple Ave landfill site – no closer to stream; erosion controls still intact; no update from Army Corp; about half done w/ final grade of landfill; digging at Hartford Ave S near tracks.

General/Pending/Active

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- Motion to approve & sign minutes from 3/14/12 – 2nd & approved.

Website

- AM will add link for proposed Storm Water Bylaw.

OSC

- Scenic Road Bylaw was discussed at info meeting w/ Planning Board on 3/27/12. Withdrew request for warrant article for this ATM (May 2012); will address some of the key items prior to resubmitting for another TM.
- “Shed Hunt” (deer antlers) was held on Sunday 3/25.

Storm Water Bylaw

- Storm Water Bylaw public hearing will be April 11, 2012 at 8:00pm.
- Need to review regulations/fees.
- EPA Storm Water General Permit (for construction): Landfill; some projects not on the list – Cross Winds and RR.

Railroad

- RR Fact Finding Committee had submitted questions; CS drafted a letter for comment; will revise and send to RRFCC.
- Questions about additional sites – off Walker Drive; CS will contact JDP.

8:30PM South St sand pit/potential fields

B.Robinson and R. Gazorian

- Talked w/ Army Corp and Natural Heritage.
- At this time conceptual stage only will need further investigation as to how the site can be developed; what can be put on this land; how much parking; roadway; traffic impacts; wetland impacts.
- Article for the STM (4/3/12) is broadly written with the understanding that specifics will need to be determined/specified.
- Long term project for fields, playgrounds, trails.
- No habitable structures will be allowed; can install bathrooms (better than porta-john type).
- Parking areas will be pervious materials.
- Need for on-site storage of maintenance equipment and sports equipment.
- Possible concessions stand.
- Current owner are open to bring back some gravel to this site.
- Green Ln is not going to be an access or egress point; steepness of the grade is prohibitive.
- Site Plan will need to be submitted to the Planning Board.
- Goal is to stay as far from the wetlands/West River as possible.
- Looking at herbicide use; grass vs artificial turf? What is best for the environment?
- Fund raising/ grant writing will be needed.
- Riverfront/redevelopment resources have been removed.
- Crossing for the existing access road shouldn't be a problem including improvements such as widening.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Other

- Motion to sign OOC for 113 Mendon St, 2nd – approved.
- Motion to issue Determination for DPW Road projects, 2nd – approved.
- Motion to issue Determination for 23 Hartford Ave.
- 44 Milford St (Gasco property) possible expansion; will need to file and RDA (potential new owner); current owner needs to request COC; Selby will visit property.
- JR Estates CR – further update to the language; will be conveyed to the Town; send revised draft to Town Manager.

9:00pm Forest Management Policy

- Continued review of the draft.
- Enhanced goals.
- Any income generated from wood sale could be turned back to Land Stewardship Committee and/or Land Conservation thus eliminating a line item in the Town budget. Could turn back to the General Fund through a revolving fund.
- Cutting Plan – if public hearing does law require notice to individual abutters or is an ad in the newspaper sufficient? Possibly post on trees in the area to be cut?
- Define Land Stewardship Resource Management component - goals, cultural/historic significance.
- Forest Stewardship Plan is a component of the Policy.
- Will continue discussion at next meeting.

10:15PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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