

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 6/13/12

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

7:35 PM General/Pending/Active

Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve mm from 5/23/12 – 2nd & approved.

OSC

- Walking the Poirier's property on South St looking at potential trails should the Town purchase this land for recreation purposes.
- SWF store lot has been sold; another buyer is interested in the farmhouse property.
- Planning a sunset hike on July 24th at Peppercorn Hill; Motion to approve this hike – 2nd & approved.
- Looking to do a “star party” – no date or location set at this time.
- Town is looking to submit a PARC Grant for South St (Poirier) property thus asked for some assistance w/ GIS; language to help support the purchase/grant; and asked for assistance in determining what wetland permits might be needed.
- It was noted that a beaver dam was removed/destroyed on the South St (Poirier) property; barbed-wire fence was seen at the culvert and will need to be removed also a large pipe is lying in the wetlands. CS will send a letter to the Poiriers. TJ suggested they speak w/ Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions.

LSC

- Town Counsel will respond to the National Grid letter re: Peppercorn Hill.

Website

- AM continues to update; he has offered his services with transition to the new website “Virtual Townhall”.

Motions

- OOC for 5 Goss Pond Rd – 2nd & approved.
- OOC for 5 Wildwood Ave – 2nd & approved.
- COC for 44 Milford St (Gasco) – 2nd & approved.
- OOC for 15 Hartford Ave N (originally issued in 2010) – 2nd & approved.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Other

- 20 Taft St – revisiting an issue that was raised 3-4 years ago regarding drainage; D.Therrien is working w/ homeowner.
- Beaver issues: DCR has money to install flow-devices at Southboro Rd. Mike Callahan (Beaver Solutions) will do the work but must be done before June 30 (end of FY). Pond leveler will be set at 1.4. Need to check w/ the DPW about removing the existing pipes; There is a beaver dam at Dean Pond that is backing up, this is within the State Forest so not sure if the DCR will be doing anything unless it affects the fire road.
- Green Communities – MP would like discuss w/ the BOS about forming a committee; possibly invite Ann Mazar from Mendon as she has info on this.
- MP will purchase a bookcase for the office.
- Appointment letters have gone out to those members that are being reappointed at this time. Appointments are for 3 years.

8:30PM Agent's Report

- Per report dated 5/24/12 – 6/13/12)
- Walked the ball field at VFW as the Youth Baseball Organization would like to add some additional batting cages; wetlands will need to be flagged and they will need to follow the permit process.
- Met w/ builder at 31 Cider Mill Ln and wetlands will need to be flagged.

9:05PM Forestry Management

- Continued review of the draft (v.4 dated 4/8/12)

10:15PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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