

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7/11/12

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

Members Attending:

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

7:40 PM NOI – 4 Merriam Way (continued)

Shaughna & Brian Giracca.

- DEP has issued site number (311-0664) and has no comments.
- Ltr (dated 7/9/12) from NHESP – no problem w/ this NOI.
- Motion to close hearing - 2nd & approved.
- Motion to issue & sign OOC – 2nd & approved.

7:45 PM RDA - 121 Elm St

Matthew Piekarski

- Installing an above ground swimming pool on an existing cleared spot in the yard – previously had a swing set on this location.
- No further clearing or excavating needed for this installation.
- Motion to close hearing – 2nd & approved.
- Motion to issue & sign Neg. Determination – 2nd & approved.

General/Pending/Active Items

Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve mm from 6/27/12 with minor amendment from MP – 2nd & approved.

Website

- Reviewing the FAQ sheet to be put on the website.
- Review Herbicide Policy to be put on website.
- AM will be meeting w/ Blythe Robinson & Kelly McElreath re: the Town's future website.
- AM is working on a calendar for members to use.

OSC

- Motion to allow OSC to conduct a Sunset Hike on 7/24/12 at Peppercorn Hill – 2nd & approved.

7:55 PM NOI – 16 Shore Dr

Antinarelli

- Proposing to install a new well and upgrade the existing cesspool to a septic system.
- 1 bedroom house (putting a restriction per Title 5 to only allow expansion to 2 bedrooms) there are no plans to add a bedroom.
- Well is proposed across the street to be as far from the septic as possible.
- Silt fencing will be used.
- Concerns re the amount of water to be discharged during well test; will use measures to prevent erosion into wetland.
- Meeting w/ BOH on 7/12/12 re septic design and necessary variances.
- Infiltrator reduces the size of the system to only 8"; thoughts on using a Presby system?
- Looked at putting the system on the opposite side as a raised system; the soils (loam & fills) are not conducive or ideal thus the system is further from the pond but closer to the wetlands. A lot of soil would need to be removed and replaced in order to move system; tried to perc but wouldn't.
- The existing well and an old hand-dug well will be abandoned.
- Questions from abutter (Pat & Fred Randall) per their email dated 7/11/12.
- Question on abutters list – need to request certified list of abutters from the Assessors Office and resend to any abutter that was not originally notified.
- Hearing continued to Wed, 7/25 @ 8:00 pm.

OSC (con't)

- Approached by the owners of property (about 70 acres) located off Glenview St to see if Town was interested in purchasing. Not likely that town would be interested on it's own but possibly if money from land trust or grants could cover it; SVT looked at it but is not jumping – much ledge and wetlands. Land might be purchased w/ a group effort of various agencies/departments.

Agents Report

- Per report dated 6/28/12 – 7/11/12.

Erosion Controls discussion

- MP visited sites in town that are using straw wattles; these are made of a poly-net that is not biodegradable; preference would be to use wattles made w/ jute or burlap.
- MP did online research and such items are available.
- It has been suggested that we put links on the website and we need to create an erosion control policy.

PARC Grant

- MP has drafted a letter supporting the Rec Com/Town's proposed project for the South St land. Motion to approve & send letter – 2nd & approved.

LSC

- Still working on the Peppercorn Hill bridge project; looking at August for hearing. Close to working out the liability issue – the Town is talking w/ National Grid to come to an agreement on this; still pending w/ Natural Heritage for MESA review.
- SWF did not get the Recreation Trails Grant that would have been used to build a fence; will need to look at other options to raise money; the fence is needed to separate the public property from the private property.
- Conservation Fund balance seems higher than expected; need to check w/ Fred on this.

Southboro Rd

- Discussion w/ the new Globe West reporter Lauren MacCarthy; looking for background on beaver issues; will meet w/ TJ on Friday 7/13 to view different areas in town that have/had activity especially areas that have public safety issues.
- TJ drafted a letter to the DPW -- major issue is what to do w/ the old pipes should we leave them in place as they are useful during a big weather event or should they be removed? DPW director and Town Manager are coming to our next meeting so will discuss w/ them.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Forest Management

- Will add info on use/role of forestry consultants

10:20PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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