

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8/8/12

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

Members Attending:

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

7:35 PM General Items

- Need to set a site walk for Kenneth Village to check wetland bounds.
- Also for Afonso's property off West River St.
- Selby is working to set up a site visit to the RR & landfill site on Maple Ave.
- Peppercorn Hill Scout project - license agreement w/ National Grid has been finalized; project can now move forward.

7:40 PM NOI - 1 Sturdley Rd

J. Simonetta

- Project is for a septic upgrade; improving the system by installing a larger system and adding a leaching field; system will be going in the same general area as the current system.
- Meeting w/ the BOH on 8/16.
- Selby made a site visit and determined that wetland flags need to be installed and shown on the plans; there is BVW which has a 50' setback for Title 5; also need to install erosion controls such as a silt fence.
- Hearing has been continued to 8/22 at 7:40 pm.

7:55 PM Agent's Report

Selby

- Per report submitted 7/26/12 – 8/8/12
- Discussion on creating an Erosion Control Policy; Selby will work on a draft based on Ashland's.
- MP has been researching vendors and will put together a list.
- 266 North St will be requesting a COC; Selby has review and would request that the Commission not issue a COC until the replication area is 75% vegetated. Motion was made to uphold Selby's request – 2nd & approved.

8:35 PM Herbicide Policy (v. 7/23/12)

- This policy is for Town owned land including conservation land.
- It is to explain what treatment will be done and why.
- Motion to accept the draft w/ changes made tonight – 2nd & approved.
- MP will finalize the document and AM will put on the website.

8:45 PM Forest Management (v. 4 - 4/8/12)

- Forest reserves (p2) – 2 basic questions: minimum size? And percentage to be managed town-wide.
- Motion to set goal of 25% as the total forest upland that is to be managed by the town in addition to what is designated as wetlands – 2nd & approved.
- Suggestion to take out parcel size but should there be some sort of general guideline?

9:15 PM General Items continued

Resolve Enforcement Orders

- CS will send form letters requesting updates for the following properties: 23 Pearl St; 4 Westboro Rd – has this property been sold; and Frescos (Milford St).

Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve mm from 7/25/12 – 2nd & approved.

Website

- FAQ sheet has been put on the website; AM has updated beaver FAQ.
- Meeting on 8/15 @ 9 am with the folks from Virtual Town Hall who are creating the Town’s new website; CS, AM & DS will meet w/ them at 11:30 to specifically discuss the Con Com page.

OSC

- BT & MS went on site visit at South St property on 8/7/12 w/ Rich Gazoorian of the Rec Com and Blythe Robinson; site walk was related to the recently submitted PARC grant application.

LSC

- Per earlier discussion the Peppercorn Hill scout project is ready to get started.

Finances

- Current vouchers signed.

Motions

- Motion to sign COC (partial) for 60 Knowlton Cir – 2nd & approved.

Letters

- Discussion of letter drafted by MP to be sent to Al Holman in response to his recent article in the Town Crier (8/3 edition);
- Review of letter drafted by CS to the Town Manager regarding Al Holman’s recent article.
- Motion to send the both letters w/ changes made tonight – 2nd & approved.

10:20 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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