

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 9/12/12

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

**Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Marcella Stasa, Alan Miano, Tom Jango, Sandy Lajoie, & Scott Heim; Mike Penko at 8:45

**7:35 PM General Items**

**Meeting Minutes** – motion to approve minutes from 8/22/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**Website** – looking at end of September/early October for launch of the new website; discussed having online payment option for certain filings - CS will discuss further w/ Blythe.

**OSC** - MS discussed fundraising activities.

**LSC**

- 80% of trails are completed from Whitney Conservation area to Warren Brook; hike will be scheduled for new trails.
- Fundraising activities discussed.

**Motions**

- Certificate of Compliance for 94 Taft St – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.
- Order of Conditions for 85 Crockett Rd (re-signed) – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**7:45 PM NOI – 153 North St**

**R. Potheau/P. DeSimone**

- Removing existing structure (farm stand); will be enlarging the concrete pad and installing a new prefab home (42'x88') plus a garage (30'x36'); this will be more than 100' from the no-disturb area.
- The house & garage are already in a disturbed area
- Will be planting fruit (such as apple) trees in the no disturb zone as part of the landscape plan; want to keep the farm look.
- Will use the existing driveway and will pave a small area; will not impact the parking easement.
- R. Potheau offered to assist w/ work on the parking easement area while he has equipment on the property; this is not conditional of any approvals ConCom may issue. Will discuss further upon completion of the hearing.
- Closest point from intermittent stream to the grade is 36'; building is 51'
- Depth of electric line 18" – 24"; will need to contact DigSafe.
- Farm Store will be dismantled by hand tools and removed from site.
- Hearing closed – OOC will be issued.

**8:10 PM Green Communities**

**A. Mazar (Mendon)**

- 5 Criteria must be met in order to have the town designated as a Green Community: As-of-Right siting for renewable energy; provide expedited application & permitting processes; reduce energy by 20% in 5 yrs; fleet management for fuel-efficient vehicles; and establish Energy Stretch Code.
- Will need an active committee – they did not spend any money in doing this; can apply for a grant for consulting.
- There is funding to help attain these criteria; grant money is available once the 20% is reached.
- Suggest sending a letter to the BOS/TM encouraging/supporting the pursuit of Green Community status.
- Question was raised re: Regional Schools in this process.
- Stretch Code – re: efficiency of building code would need to get bylaw approved in order to go forward w/ Green Communities.

**8:35 PM Agent’s Report**

**Selby**

- Per report submitted 8/23/12 – 9/12/12.
- Erosion Control Policy – draft; Con Com will determine best material to use on a site-by-site basis; process will be flexible and discussed during the hearing stage. Selby will amend for next meeting.

**9:30 PM Forest Management (draft 5)**

- Mike will write press release for public hearing.
- Continued to next meeting.

**9:15 PM General Items continued**

**Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.
- Discussion of new payroll worksheet.

**Beaver Solutions**

- Will be coming to do maintenance where do we want pond level to be set? See if DPW will shoot elevation/grade.

**Motions**

- Motion to sign OOC for 153 North St – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**10:15 PM Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_**

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