

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 10/24/12

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

**Members Attending:**

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

**Meeting minutes** – 10/10/12 – Motion to approve – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**Website** – AM gave update on new website which went live on 10/15/12.

**7:40 PM 31 Christian Hill Rd NOI M. Campbell**

- Install a new septic system as existing cesspool has failed.
- No trees will be removed
- BOH granted a waiver to be closer than 100' to wetlands (approximately 68').
- Erosion controls will be installed – will use straw wattles; plan will be revised indicating this.
- Selby reviewed; wetland delineation was fine.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

**7:50 PM Agent's Report Selby**

- Per report submitted 10/11/12 – 10/24/12.

**8:10 PM OSC**

- Tom Wessels event is this weekend.
- Private land abutting Warren Brook is being sold; current owner is interested in selling to the town for a reduced price (no amount discussed); Will invite the owner to come to a meeting.

**8:20 PM Maple Ave Landfill property G. Bernat**

- Regarding the Turtle Habitat - Natural Heritage wants to change the slope from 2:1 to 3:1 which will destroy existing BVW and to replant (vegetate) in order to make new turtle habitat. It is presumed that this will be more feasible for nesting habitat.
- Applicant would like to maintain 2:1 slope but revegetate. Motion was made by MP to support this change if asked by Natural Heritage as the habitat will still support early succession – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.
- Landfill slopes have changed from the original design. Now include 3:1 slopes (instead of 2:1) and 3" rip rap (instead of large rip rap).

**8:35 PM Kiwanis Beach Pavilion/Rec Com M. Cortese**

- Rec Com looking to build a pavilion at Kiwanis Beach next to the Ramsey building.
- Pavilion will be about 80' from the water; slab foundation w/ a metal roof.
- Will need to remove some materials in order to grade away from the water but will use this same material as fill toward the ball field.
- 3 trees will need to be removed; willing to replant trees elsewhere; this may possibly be an Eagle Scout project.
- Project would be done next summer (July 2013); Blackstone Valley Tech will build the pavilion free of charge but Rec Com will pay for all materials; Donations and CPC funds are being pursued.
- Project will require a RDA filing.

**8:50 PM Chestnut St culvert**

**G. Bernat**

- 64 acre parcel off Chestnut St which has a CR w/ Metacomet; existing 12” culvert has collapsed thus needs to be replaced. GB will replace in kind (same size/place/location); also a second culvert will need some repair so he will include this too w/ his filing.
- RDA will be required.

**Forestry Management Plan**

- Sent final version to Blythe & BOS; looking to meet w/ the BOS possibly late November to discuss.
- MP emailed literature regarding adaptation of forest due to climate change to the Con Com members.

**Stormwater Bylaw Regs** – bylaw committee meeting has been rescheduled to November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**LSC**

- Fundraising has been very successful; Raised about \$13, 500 including matching donations.
- Fence can be purchased for SWF property.

**Motions**

- To issue & sign COC for 47 Southboro Rd – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.
- To issue & sign COC for 11 Wildwood Ave – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.
- To issue & sign OOC for 31 Christian Hill Rd – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

**Green Communities** – review draft letter to be sent to BOS – additional edits made.

**Upton State Forest**

- Southboro Rd bridge – amend OOC? Public hearing will be needed.

**Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.

**Pending Issues**

- Check w/ BOH regarding the scanner they are looking to purchase. What size will it handle?

**Due to STM on Wednesday November 14, 2012 Con Com meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall. Will open meeting upstairs then adjourn to Con Com file room in basement to review files and discuss record retention.**

**9:35 PM Meeting Adjourned**

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

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