

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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## Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 1/23/2013

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

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Scott Heim, and Alan Miano

### 7:35 PM Westboro Rd – Mud Run (Trail Race) R. Thompson/D. O'Rourke

- Property owner Ray Thompson proposal to have a trail race on his property (approx. 72 acres). This is a foot race.
- Estimating a 5 – 6 mile course which will zigzag around the property; looking to minimize wetland crossings.
- Non-permanent obstacles along the course.
- Want to preserve the environment; will flag the trail; not looking to clear cut but do some cutting for trails.
- Need to look for invasive species and remove them.
- Concerns about parking area; suggest that he put gravel at the entrance to the parking area in order to reduce tracking dirt & sediments onto the roadway.
- Erosion controls will be needed.
- Boardwalk over wetlands in order to keep people out of the wetlands.
- NHESP? Rare species habitat?

### 8:20 PM Agents Report

- No printed report.
- Site visits to Maple Ave landfill and Cross Winds; not much happening at either site.
- 274 Mendon St site visit for foundation – no problems.
- Discussion regarding need to work more closely with Code Enforcement and the need for Con Com to sign off on projects.

### 8:35 PM General Items

#### Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 1/9/13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

#### Website

- Forest Management Policy (draft) has been added.

#### OSC

- Draft letter to Mr. Chace; MP had some revisions regarding the signs.
- MP spoke w/ Grafton Con Com Agent – land that was thought to be Grafton might actually be Upton.
- Motion to approve letter w/ tonight's amendment to be sent as email to Mr. Chace – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

#### LSC

- Submitted Recreational Trails grant; money will be used for signs & kiosks around properties.
- Motion to sign the letter of support and a letter authorizing MS to be signatory for the grant - 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

**Storm Water Bylaw** – finalizing at meeting on 1/30/13.

**Forest Management Policy** - public hearing set for 3/13/13 at 8:00 pm; will submit article for Town Crier.

**Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.

**9:25 PM Meeting Adjourned**

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

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