

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7/24/2013

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

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Alan Miano, Tom Jango and Mary Overholt (Associate Member)

7:30 PM

Route 140 RDA – drainage

MassDOT

- Looking to add an additional pipe to act as a spillway.
- Culvert will be about 1½ feet above the lake level.
- Met with Selby on 7/16 (see Agent's report dated 7/10 – 7/24/13).
- Diameter of the existing pipe is 24"; looking to replace this with an 18" pipe. The existing pipe/culvert will be left in place; they will "jet" it with water to clean/clear it of debris.
- Question as to the size of the drainage area and will an 18" pipe be adequate?
- Don't want to use a larger pipe as they want to stay above the lake and to make sure they can bury it with enough cover over it.
- Might install a second 18" pipe while doing this work to save money and to ensure adequate drainage.
- Concerns about freezing/thawing in the winter.
- Need a letter with drainage area info in order to determine if a second pipe is needed.
- Won't need to drain the pond at all to do this work; will use rip rap.
- Anticipate doing this project late summer/early fall (2013) and should only take a couple days (week max).
- Hearing closed per applicant's request.
- Negative #3 RDA will be issued w/ condition that applicant will provide drainage info.

7:50 PM

General/Office

Finances - Current vouchers/payroll signed.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 7/10/13 – 2nd & approved.

Website – will update LSC.

OSC – will review Rockwood Meadows Modification plan; Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Sept. 10, 2013.

LSC –SWF & Whitney trails are open to the public. Work on the parking area will begin next week; Baystate Trail Riders have an event planned they park at SWF fields then ride trails toward Warren Brook; Goss Pond site visit is scheduled for Sunday 8/4 at 10 am; discussion of trail naming at Peppercorn Hill and other areas will look to Con Com for approval also looking for suggestions.

Forestry Interns – looking for housing for UMass students IF they can come out and do inventory in early January 2014. Tom is working on this.

Agent's Report for 7/10 – 7/24/13 (Selby not present).

8:30 PM 100 Grove St NOI

D. Therrien/A. Sandberg

- Riverfront regulations apply as stream has been channelized thus it is perennial.
- 2 culverts at Grove St
- Alternate analysis submitted.
- 10' wide driveway (limited project) is planned.
- Existing lot is/was a horse pasture.
- Looking to build a 2 story house (no cellar) w/in 200' of wetland; No feasible scenario to move location.
- Questions about riparian zone figures.
- Small lawn and gardens w/in the 30' no disturb area.
- Need another plan to show the entire lot (1.6 acres)
- Erosion control – prefer compost mulch filter sock
- Propose 2 bounds at 100' line not the 30' no disturb line; concern is that the driveway falls w/in the 100' and will need to be maintained (plowed & mowed) to keep from being overgrown; suggestion to make driveway 20' wide in order to maintain.
- Need to confirm that the stream is intermittent.
- Hearing continued to August 14th at 7:30 pm.

9:00 PM Beaver Activity at Southboro Rd

- Beavers have built another dam that will need to be removed. It is fairly small and can be dealt with under the open OOC. DPW should be able to remove this or contact Tim Davidson. Tom will talk with Jeff Thompson at the DPW. Need supporting letter from Con Com.
- Ellen Arnold and Bill Taylor representing FUSF brought up concerns about trail; old pipes are hanging out onto the trail and are a hazard and should be removed; also concern about the grade off Southboro Rd before the bridge suggest filling it to reduce the grade.
- Mike Penko suggested adding a spillway/pipe; see if a meeting can be set up w/ Con Com, DPW and the DCR to see what can be done and who will do it.
- Discussion will be continued to August 14th at 7:45 pm.

9:30 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____
