

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8/28/2013

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, Scott Heim and Mary Overholt (Associate Member)

7:30 PM Agent's Report (8/16/13 – 8/28/13)

7:40 PM General/Office

Finances - Current vouchers/payroll signed.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 8/14/13 – 2nd & approved.

Website

OSC – Walk thru at SWF w/ owner and SVT planned for 8/29 @ 1 pm; a Night Hawk walk at Peppercorn Hill was held last weekend (8/24). It was cool as several hawks were seen.

LSC – boardwalk at Whitney is done; meeting with BOS on 9/17 to discuss Goss Pond trail.

Forestry Interns – TJ is still trying to work this out w/ UMass.

Motion to sign COC for 5 Goss Pond Rd – 2nd & approved.

8:00 PM Stormwater Bylaw Regulations Bylaw Committee (J. Brochu and M. Carroll)

- Final Regulations dated 3/1/13
- Check List for Stormwater Management Operation & Maintenance Plan
- Stormwater Management Plan Application
- Conservation Commission will be the administrators of this bylaw. Will have to sign off on wetlands and Stormwater Management Plan.
- \$200 fee for Stormwater Management Plan (Tier II). Fees can be amended later as we may need to add a fee for Tier I review. Selby will keep track of his time to perform these reviews and report back at later date.
- Regulations and Application will be posted on the Con Com website.
- Motion of Stormwater Bylaw Committee to dissolve the committee – 2nd & approved.

8:20 PM Associate Member discussion

- Using town of Scituate's language for description of Associate Member position.
- Need to define the role and limits of authority.
- Con Com will be able to appoint members.
- CS will revise document for review at next meeting.
- Motion to formally appoint Mary Overholt as Associate Member – 2nd & Approved.

8:35 PM 100 Grove St (NOI – discussion) D. Therrien

- Need to re-post a hearing for an Amended NOI due to re-evaluation of stream.
- Need to put a legend on the plan for the flags; also a note line regarding the 50' No Build line for structures.
- Hearing for Amended NOI has been scheduled for the next meeting Sept. 11th.

(Administrative Change 8/30/13: due to the Labor Day holiday the publication deadline for the Milford Daily News was moved up therefore the hearing date has been reset to Wed, September 25th)

8:50 PM Mosquito Control

- Discussion regarding the Act that created the Central Mass. Mosquito District.
- This District was set up as an “all or nothing” system not “menu-based”.
- Issue: costs for items above and beyond the contract.
- Issue: major concern of wide-spread spraying is that it is killing other species such as bees.
- Need to present research and additional information.

9:00 PM Southboro Rd

- Rabbit Run Trail work was ok'd by the DPW; will need to submit an Amended OOC for the culvert.
- Suggestions to do some additional work that would not be expensive but would reduce risk of berm failure, and enhance drainage and aesthetics of the area.
- Question as to who would perform work? DCR/FUSF/Town?
- Will draft a letter with a list of potential items.

9:15 PM Rockwood Meadows discussion

M. Allen/A. Leonard

- Modification to the Special Permit and Site Plan submitted to the Planning Board; public hearing to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:15 pm. Proposed changes:
- Renovating the farm stand to use as Community Building;
- Will be parking at the stand for trails; will add sidewalk and markers at the trailhead for Peppercorn Hill trails; 4 new parking spots for trail access at the circle; existing trail behind the units will be kept.
- Reduce the number of duplex unit and increase the number of single-family units (overall number of units -62- is not changing).
- Open Space Deeded easement will be in place prior to lots being sold.
- Items raised by Con Com: could some type of planting be done to block the “view” of the trail for those units that directly abut the trail to allow some privacy? Is the amount of open space changing from original approved plan? [Answer – no is the same] Who will hold the CR? Need to prepare a baseline report of the property for the CR – this should be paid for by the developer. Will parking on the roads be allowed for people wanting to use the trails? Streets will be private.
- Discussion of a community garden.
- Preferred erosion controls include silt fences, straw bales, wattles, chip berm.
- Will draft a letter to Planning Board with a list of comments

10:00 PM

- Motion to sign COC for 69/71 Crockett Rd per Selby’s final inspection – 2nd & approved.
- Motion to have Selby issue preliminary comments regarding Rockwood Meadows – 2nd & approved.

10:05 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on _____

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