

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 9/11/2013

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

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Marcella Stasa, Alan Miano, Tom Jango, Scott Heim and Mary Overholt (Associate Member)

7:35 PM Update on Crosswinds Subdivision

- Update from Planning Board meeting (9/10/13) no lots have been released; issues with sewer pump station need to be addressed by developer; railroad crossing was paved by developer then removed by the G&URR as it was not paved properly.

7:40 PM Agent's Report (8/29/13 – 9/11/13)

8:00 PM Southboro Rd – USF Trail Work

- According to the DPW the Town has a tree crew coming in next couple weeks and will clear up any trees/limbs that need to be removed along Southboro Rd on the town's r-o-w/easement.
- Need to notify DCR to see if they want us to clear any trees or limbs on their land.
- FUSF will request/discuss proposed work to Rabbit Run Trail with the DCR.
- South berm has impacts to CCC Way - concerns about the water level; proposed improvements are intended to protect the roadway and bog area.
- Need to discuss any work with the DCR.
- Need to amend the current NOI for various projects.
- Work to the Rabbit Run Trail – how big a culvert will be needed? DCR may have some info that would help determine this. Will need to create a design plan for the proposed work.
- Need to determine what the Town will do and what DCR will do.
- Further concern of the FUSF that the spillway will impact the trail; the plan is for the spillway to run parallel to the road to keep water off the trail.
- Need to clarify with Blythe what the town will do to protect Southboro Rd.

8:30 PM General/Office

Motion - to accept Associate Member Roles and Limits of Authority document dated 9-11-13 – 2nd & approved.

Finances - Current vouchers/payroll signed.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 8/28/13 – 2nd & approved.

Website – updates to LSC page; Stormwater Docs will be added.

Email – discussion of new member distribution list. Purpose of the list is to ensure that all emails related to the Town will be captured on the server. Request will be made to create an address for the OSC (set up like the address for the LSC). B. Taylor will forward member's email addresses to BOS office for creation of the address.

OSC – owners of property on Westboro Rd that abuts the USF have approached the State about purchasing some/all of their property; also would like to discuss with the Town to see if any interest in the property for affordable housing or as land for Open Space.

LSC – An NOI for multiple projects (including and Eagle Scout project) will be filed for a hearing to be held at next meeting on 9/25/13. The Scout project is to build a 25' bridge/crossing on the trail; the site is currently dry so it is a good time to build. Other proposed projects will be done over time. M. Stasa reported that LSC received a \$9,000 grant from the Recreational Trails Program; this money will be used for signs and kiosks along various trails.

Forestry Interns – still no word from UMass; T. Jango is still trying reach out to them in order to keep Upton on the list of potential sites for a forestry inventory; A baseline inventory would be valuable for the town.

9:20 PM Letters

- Motion to approve letter to Planning Board re: Rockwood Meadows as amended by the Open Space Committee and authorize C. Scott and B. Taylor to sign – 2nd & approved.
- Kenneth Village letter to Condo Association.

9:30 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on: 9/25/13
