

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 9/25/2013

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

Members Attending:

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

7:30 PM 100 Grove St – Amended NOI

D. Therrien

- Stream is dry, 4 consecutive days of no flow.
- Remove the riverfront restrictions
- Plan has been amended to remove the 200' limit line; flags denote the edge of intermittent stream; 50' no structure line has been added; 30' no disturb line runs along the property line.
- Town's bylaw and WPA require 100'
- Will need 5 bounds as shown on the plan
- No change to erosion controls other than need to add compost sock as acceptable in the OOC.
- Hearing closed; amended OOC will be issued.

7:40 PM NOI Stefans Land

M. Stasa/LSC

- 13 projects submitted which include bridges, trail work, and crossings.
- 1st project is an Eagle Scout project to build a bridge/crossing.
- Conditions will include that the Conservation Commission/Agent be notified before start of each project.
- Suggestion that where natural berms exist erosion controls will not be needed.
- Hearing closed; OOC will be issued.

8:00 PM Ice Rink at Leland Field (Memorial School)

M. Cortese/Rec. Com

- Have had a plastic rink at this field for about 7 years; hold about 1,200 gallons of water.
- Want to replace the plastic rink by installing an asphalt berm around the tennis court.
- DPW suggests adding a pipe from the rink to the existing drain which will allow control when rink is drained.
- Previously the water was discharged onto surrounding ground.
- They have contacted the company that maintains (painting/sealing) the tennis courts to determine if creating an ice rink will damage the surface and they say shouldn't be a problem.
- Conservation is ok with this project and feels it should be an improvement over previous rink as it allows for controlled drainage.

8:10 PM Agent's Report

- Per submitted report dated 9/12/13 – 9/25/13

8:20 PM General/Office

Finances - Current vouchers/payroll signed.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 9/11/13 – 2nd & approved.

Website – need to add Forestry Plan and Stormwater info.

OSC – culvert at Southboro Rd is on State land but the DPW has agreed to maintain it; also the DPW will remove one tree.

LSC – Historical Commission is looking for support letters for a grant they are apply for. Grant is for a film on Upton Native American sites. Motion to send support letter – 2nd & approved. MS will draft a letter.

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.

Southboro Rd/FUSF – Want to set up a site visit to discuss plans with DCR. MS will arrange

Motions:

- Issue and sign Amended OOC for 100 Grove St – 2nd & approved.
- Issue and sign OOC for Stefans Farm – 2nd & approved.

8:50 PM Mosquitos

- BOH is looking to put another warrant article for mosquito control on an upcoming town meeting (not sure if will be on STM 11/19/13).
- Main issues/concerns: backyard spraying at cost to the town; larvacide in vernal pools and that we can't choose the items that we want to have done. Is any testing being done in Upton?
- Question was asked if it would be possible to join with other towns to create our own district which would be menu-based.
- Mass Audubon has reviewed the language for the Central Mass Mosquito Control (CMMC) district and they don't see any language that prohibits menu-based operation. CMMC is telling us that it is all or nothing.
- Would like to ask CMMC where the language is that restricts this.
- Suggested contacting Rep. Peterson.

9:10 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes approved on: 10/9/11

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