

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 10/23/2013

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission

CC: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk

From: Mary Overholt

Members Attending:

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

Guests: Bill Taylor

7:30 RDA Crockett Rd.

Applicant is planning to remove 8-10 Oak trees that are close to the house. Some of the trees are very close to the water. The stumps will not be removed. Applicant has marked trees. Hearing closed. Negative RDA will be issued.

7:40 Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 10/9/13 – 2nd & approved

Website - no new updates. Storm water will be updated when done.

Foxwoods ENF. - No comments

7:45 Rockwood Meadows. Ammended NOI

Changes to the plans are as follows

- Existing farm stand to be community center.
- Change in unit mix to 50 singles 12 duplex
- Conservation restriction changed slightly to 75 percent of land.
- New location for parking spots for trails
- New cistern for fire protection.
- Community garden moved to north side of access rd.
- Surround existing farm pond with split rail fence

Concerns discussed by Commission were as follows.

- Will the Phragmites be removed from the pond? Should be removed with herbicide.
- Will all the trails be in before the houses are advertised? How can we avoid buyers getting upset about trails.
- Wetland replication will bring in wetland topsoil to give it a better start. Existing wetland plants will be moved to new wetland. The site will need to be monitored for more that 2 years to ensure success. Shrub mortality shall not exceed 25 percent. Cattails should be avoided.
- NOI should reference Oct.10, 2013 plans.
- Potential need for easement deed discussed.
- Will Upton ConCom or MLT hold the Conservation Restriction.

Hearing continued to Nov. 13

8:25 Agents Report

per report submitted

Chris arranged to meet with Doug Cook Saturday Nov. 9th at 10:30 am. at the Cook office next to

Frescos.

Open Space – Will ask for CPA funds in Nov. to help the state acquire the Thompson property on Westborough Rd. Another property is for sale on Eames Rd. and would allow access with parking to Upton State Forest.

Land Stewardship – Working on parking at SWF. Getting an Extension for work at Stefan's. Boundaries were checked at Warren Brook, since logging is being done on the private land next door. Trails appear to be on private land, instead of town land. Actual acreage is 26 acres instead of 22. The cutting is supposed to start soon.

8:50 Forestry intern. - nothing new to report.

Southboro Rd. - Met with Val to look at berms. DCR was noncommittal, understood that something ought to be done.

Beavers by Mechanic St. - Mike Callahan says they should be removed.

Motion to remove beavers from Fowler St. area per recommendation of Mike Callahan. Authorize Tom to do trapping in Nov.. The vote was 4 in favor, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on: 11/13/13
