

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 2/12/2014

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

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Alan Miano and Scott Heim
Mary Overholt - Associate Member
Selby - Agent

7:30 PM General/Office

In lieu of an Agent's report (due to vacation) Chris Scott gave update on some projects.

Finances - Current expense vouchers & payroll signed.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept minutes from 1/22/13 – 2nd & approved.

Denise's Items – continue to review database to determine if projects can be issued COCs; upcoming meeting to discuss layout of our new space in the renovated town hall.

Miscellaneous items: deer management; cutting near Warren Brook was check out and no problem, cutting is in Grafton and Upton, -a cutting plan was filed.

Forestry – Tom Jango suggested contacting Mike Downey (DCR) to follow up on grants for forest management/inventory. Further discussion to be held.

8:00 PM Cross Winds Discussion

V. Sarkisian/J. Antonellis

- Discussed items from the 6/28/13 letter that was sent to the Planning Board and Applicant and were in the OOC; would like to see these items addressed prior to lots being released.
- CR requirement: Applicant and ConCom amenable to using declaration of restriction instead of CR. Using the Glen Echo Declaration of Restriction as a template; applicant discussed placing individual restrictions on those lots affected instead of a blanket document. ConCom requested trail easements be recorded on 1 or 2 house lot deeds.
- Suggest a site walk in the spring.

9:00 PM General/Office continued

Open Space – discussed 2 parcels of land that are land-locked along the Warren Brook Watershed and Whitney Conservation Areas (off North St) they are town-owned.

LSC – question as to if the DPW holds “tree hearings” when cutting trees bigger than 3-4 inches dbh; discussion of a large parcel of land that runs behind Hartford Ave N to Warren St; Met w/ the CPC to discuss plans for access off Orchard St to the Stefans land (significant and expensive stream crossing required). LSC is looking at other access alternatives.

Open Space/LSC: While doing research concerning the 50th anniversary of the ConCom, MP discovered a long forgotten 1969 Town Meeting vote that placed the 32 acre Warren Street parcel (204 – 31) under control of the Conservation Commission; the parcel had no frontage, additional research needed.

ATM – does Con Com have any articles to put on the warrant?

Code Enforcement – Chris will set up a meeting w/ Pat Roche to discuss permit sign-off policy and Stormwater application permits.

Motions:

- Expense voucher for Marcella – 2nd & approved.
- Approve up to \$150 to reproduce and frame the first NOI/COC – 2nd & approved.

9:45 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on: _____

