

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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## Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 2/26/2014

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

### Members Attending:

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

### 7:35 PM Meeting Opened

- Kaity Kutzer introduced; she is an Upton resident and recent Framingham State University graduate working on an internship with Selby.
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from 2/12/14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

### Agent's Report (2/13/14 – 2/26/14)

- Per submitted report.
- Discussion of comment ltr to the Planning Board re: "Whitney Farms at Cotton Gin Circle" subdivision located off Grove St; Selby will revise and resend the draft.
- Discussion of Stormwater Applications Erosion & Sediment Control Permit needs approval info. Selby prepared a draft for review.

### Meeting with Code Enforcement

- Chris & Selby met w/ Pat Roche to discuss the building permit process regarding Conservation review and sign-off for Stormwater and wetlands.
- Need to come up with a checklist for the permit process to assist property owners so they know what is involved.
- Chris will be meeting w/ Blythe and Pat for further discussion.

### Mosquito Control

- Discussed the letter from the CMMPC in response to our letter requesting info; they did not directly answer some of our questions; Looking for info on cost breakdown/analysis of their services.
- Chris will draft an email to the CMMPC.

### Crosswinds Subdivision

- Applicant is working on language for the deed restrictions.

### General Items

**Finances** - Current payroll signed.

**Website** – Alan updated new WPA forms.

**OSC** – Hopkinton CPC did not support the purchase of the Coolidge-Richard property (Coolidge-Richard property is about 40 acres in its entirety, 10 of which would be developed if an OS development goes forward.) which would connect the Whitehall State Park w/ the Upton State Forest; Discussion of the town-owned parcel off Warren St (about 32 acres). Conservation was given control of the parcel (per town meeting vote in the late 1960's) with the exception of the area that provides frontage (access) to Warren St. Motion was made and seconded to have LSC investigate the parcel and to manage the property; LSC will approach the BOS after they have had a chance to walk and review the property.

**LSC** – Peppercorn Hill scout project will be coming in; an NOI will be needed.

**Denise's Items** – town hall update on our space/furniture layout.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

**Forestry Grants** – Scott talked w/ Mike Downey and learned of two State grants; Motion made for Marcella to prepare and submit the Mass DCR Cost Share Application Forest Stewardship Plan Working Forest Initiative Grant for the Warren Brook Conservation Area and adjacent town owned parcels.– 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

**Beetle Rearing Project** – Selby received an email of a grant opportunity through SuAsCo CISMA to raise Galerucella Beetles which eat Purple loosestrife (invasive species); Kaity is interested in pursuing this grant and would raise the beetles on her property. Would be some benefit to Upton at no cost to the town.

**Wood Turtle Study** – As part of the Maple Ave landfill project funds were set aside for this study; will investigate the language as to what this study entails; this could be another possible project for Kaity;

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conservation Commission; Mike suggests marking the occasion by inviting past members to a meeting or some event.

**9:45 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved**

**Minutes approved on:** \_\_\_\_\_

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