

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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## Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 6/25/2014

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 and Alan Miano  
Mary Overholt (Associate); Selby (Agent)

### 7:30 PM RDA 42 Pleasant St

Alfred Jordan

- Plan to replace the existing 10' x 10' deck (approx.) with a 20' x 20' deck; not going to be any closer – it is about 20' from edge of deck to the edge of the lawn.
- Existing area is a grassy/mossy flat area.
- Will need footings for the new deck; soil that will be removed for the footings will be used to fill a low area in front of the garage.
- Hearing closed.
- Won't need erosion controls; don't stockpile removed materials.
- Motion to issue a Negative Determination – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved.

### 7:45 PM Whitney Farms at Cotton Gin Cir – Con't NOI Bruce Saluk

- Submitted Stormwater Addendum #3 – includes Stormwater inspection plan
- Also Stormwater Addendum #4 – includes calculations on 100 year storm.
- Letter dated 6/23/14 to Planning Board re: Ground Water Recharge System – 100 year storm details & materials.
- Change to the plan was to update size of pipes connecting the GWRA and catch basins.
- Discussion of open space options.
- Discussion of shrubs to be used; want to pick something deer resistant.
- Yearly inspection and cleaning of water quality inlet; will occur twice in the first year then will happen annually unless more frequent cleaning is necessary. Town does clean catch basins throughout town but how often.
- Applicant requested to close the hearing. Hearing closed.
- Selby will prepare the OOC & special conditions (including maintenance) for the next meeting.

### 8:10 PM Agent's Report

- Reviewed submitted report dated 6/12 – 6/25/14.
- Afonso – CR for 3 lots off West River St will need an inspection.
- Need to send letters to those with open OOC to have them request COC or extend if necessary.
- Selby will be on vacation the week of 6/30 – 7/4 and 7/21 – 7/25.

### 8:20 PM Stormwater Regs

- Discussion of proposed amendments (Alan) in conjunction with draft policy created by Mike.
- Will hold a public hearing to discuss changes to the regs.
- Alan will prepare another draft for next meeting; perhaps send those to Bruce Ey for peer review.

- Also need to change the preconstruction form.
- Discussion of draft Stormwater Policy (draft MOU w/ Planning Board); questions about post development construction impacts; mimic current hydrology. Mike will revise and prepare for next meeting on 7/9.

**8:50 PM Rockwood Meadows Trail Easement**

- Mike prepared changes to the parking area and will send to Mark Allen.
- Mitigation area – increase size? Boardwalk vs causeway - a causeway could be built to be more durable and lasting; may need a culvert (or several small culverts) also a causeway would be less impactful and easier to maintain. Commission will credit the section of the cart path to be abandoned as the wetland mitigation area.
- Preference would be for a causeway -- 5 feet wide and potentially 180 feet long.
- Motion to accept a causeway – 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.
- Mike will send info onto Kevin & Mark.

**9:05 PM General Items**

**Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve and sign minutes from the 6/11/14 meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved;

**Website** – continue to update w/ pertinent links and new info.

**OSC**

**LSC** – have ordered granite curb for parking area at Whitney Conservation area; Mr. Potheau has done a nice job w/ edging the parking area but concerns w/ the gravel used along the stonewall. The owners of Five Fork Farm (formerly Sweet William Farm) installed the electric fence – we will investigate installing a fence on our side as protection; could possibly use funds from Metacomet. Mike is working w/ Sunshine Sign for a new sign at Peppercorn Hill.

**Finances** - Current payroll signed; motion to sign expense voucher – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved; discussion of spending expense funds before end of FY. Motion to sign an expense voucher for Sunshine Sign (for the Peppercorn Hill sign) – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**Motions:**

- Motion to issue & sign a Negative Determination for 42 Pleasant St – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.
- Motion to issue & sign Extended Order of Conditions for 9 Hartford Ave N – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.
- Motion for Mike to purchase a large monitor for the Con Com desk w/remaining money from FY14 to replace the existing one that he loaned to the Commission – 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved.

**Misc Items:**

- Cross Winds CR documents – Denise will check w/ Joe Antonellis on status.

**10:05 PM Beavers at Southboro Road**

- Tom spoke w/ Jeff Thompson of the DPW to discuss beavers as they are still active at this site and unless all are removed we will continue to have problems.

**10:10 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> & Approved**

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

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