

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7/9/2014

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, Alan Miano and Sandy Lajoie
Mary Overholt (Associate); Selby (Agent)

7:30 PM Forester – did not show.

9:05 PM General Business

Meeting Minutes – not available will have for next meeting.

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

OSC/LSC – the granite stops have been installed at the Whitney parking area; LSC votes to reduce the number of spaces from 6 to 5. Mr. Potheau had property surveyed so that he can install a wire fence along the easement. LSC planning to install a kiosk at the parking area; Five Fork Farm letters regarding the deer fence and a farm management plan have been reviewed. Commission made a motion to let the owner (Grace Lam) know that we may erect a fence at our cost on the easement and that the deer fence (electric fence) is ok as installed – 2nd & approved; After discussion w/ the Commission regarding the Farm Management Plan we will ask the owner for a list of actions and activities they are planning. These items will be evaluated with regard to the CR. We will investigate further info on these management plans. We will invite the owner to a future Con Com meeting for discussion. LSC has scheduled a walk at the Stefans land on 7/31 @ 6:30 pm to learn about foraging. Russ Cohen will lead the walk. Motion to approve this outing which will include picking and sampling items – 2nd & approved.

Finances - Current payroll signed; motion to sign expense voucher – 2nd & approved; motion was made for Chris to sign an encumbrance request for the remainder of the FY14 expense funds (\$786.03) – 2nd & approved. (Note: this request was not submitted as did not qualify)

Misc Items:

- Customer Survey (Alan) – intent is to provide the survey to anyone who has dealings with Conservation activities in order to see how we are doing; what is working and what needs improvement.
- Beavers at Southboro Rd - Chris attempted to talk w/ Jeff Thompson (DPW) prior to the latest storm fortunately no problems occurred at Southboro Rd. Need to be sure to include Blythe in the email chain.
- Rockwood Meadow surveying and clearing for roads has begun.
- Need to send amended Agent's position description to Sandy Hakala.

Motions:

- Motion to issue and sign the OOC for Whitney Farms at Cotton Gin Circle – 2nd & approved.

8:30 PM Stormwater Regulations

- Proposed amendments discussed; questions about alteration of drainage characteristics and new development (see definition in the bylaw); exemptions.
- Will forward draft to Margaret Carroll and Jim Brochu (former Stormwater Bylaw committee members) and to Bruce Ey of Schofield Brothers to review.
- Will hold a public hearing on August 13th @ 7:30 pm.

8:45 PM Agent's Report

- Verbal report as no written report submitted.
- Reviewed and signed off on pool permits; prepared the OOC for Whitney Farms.

9:00 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on: _____

