CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Ulpton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8/12/2015

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission

CC: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk

From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant

Members Attending:

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

7:05 PM Beavers @ Bridge Trail and Southboro Rd (USF)

- **Bridge Trail** Emergency Certification Issued; BOH issued permit for pond leveler, breaking or removing dam; 30 days to act on the permits.
- Southboro Rd DCR & Natural Heritage have been contacted about removing dam need to ask if the State (DCR) could remove the dam while doing the work elsewhere in the State Forest.
 Would save us money if they could have it removed; Chris will check w/ DCR (Jody) and Tom will talk w/ Ruth Callahan too.

7:15 PM 106 Chestnut St - RDA

Brian & Ruth Kemp

- Removal of several white pine trees which are overgrown and squeezing out the hardwoods and blueberries; want to encourage the maples, cedars and blueberries.
- Concerns about the trees growing near the house.
- Will use a lift to remove 3 stands of trees; will also be thinning some trees; No stump grinding, will rake-up the debris; they are not going to be replanting will allow the land to naturalize w/ what is already growing.
- Ponds are man-made but do have fish in them; not vernal pools.
- Selby requested they file an RDA do to the number of trees they are removing and the proximity to those ponds; Recommend a Neg. #3 be issued.
- Hearing closed.
- Motion to issue a Neg. $#3 2^{nd}$ and Approved.

7:25 PM Crosswinds & Rockwood Meadow Documents

- Motion to sign Declaration of Restriction for Crosswinds -2^{nd} & Approved; Mike Penko abstained from vote.
- Motion to sign Conservation Restriction & Easement Deed for Rockwood Meadow 2nd & Approved. [Atty Greenwald showed up after Commission signed the documents we will hold the signed docs and give them to the BOS in the morning; they will contact him once confirmation from Town Counsel is received]

7:30 PM Agent's Report

- Per submitted report dated 7/23/15 - 8/12/15.

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8:10 PM 8 Francis Drive – discussion

- S. Nagpal (homeowner)
- His lot (1 acre) has wetland markers (bounds); house is set toward the back of the property; Mr. Nagpal wanted to discuss what he can do on the lot.
- Concerns that the wetland bounds are not properly located on the lot; they do not look correct according to the As-Built.
- Commission recommends that he contact a wetlands scientist or surveyor to review the wetlands line and the bounds then submit an ANRAD and we will review the line.
- Mr. Nagpal is looking to install an in-ground pool, shed, outdoor kitchen/patio and walkway; he will need to file an NOI; all work must be outside the 30' no-disturb line.

8:35 PM 25 East St – Request for COC

D. Therrien

- Selby reviewed and recommends issuing the COC.
- Motion made to issue and sign the COC for 25 East $St 2^{nd}$ and approved.

8:40 PM General Business/Active Items

Meeting Minutes – 7/22/15 Commission needs to review; will sign at next meeting. **Website** – nothing new.

OSC – BOS approved the gift of land (1.9 acres) from the Ryan family; will be donated to the town – town counsel will review; no need for survey or environmental review; suggest a site visit of the Commission as there are utilities on the property. The Henderson property – 88 acres (next to Stefans land) was assessed at approximately \$300,000; could CPA funds be used? Motion to have the OSC investigate this parcel – 2^{nd} and approved.

LSC – a tree fall at SWF across the trail; some damage to the fence; it is in a very precarious location thus contacted a couple tree companies to see about removing it; quotes for removal were \$900 and \$630. **Finances/Admin** – expense vouchers & payroll signed. Motion were made to sign expense vouchers –

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Forestry – will continue discussion regarding Green Certificate next meeting; Mass Audubon hired a new bird person and we will be his first project; requesting data sheets from Rupert.

Composting Facility – located Christian Hill Rd; they do not have any State permits according to the DEP; the sign has an address and phone number for High Acres in Hopkinton; MANY trucks were bringing in wet fill and mixing it w/ the compost material; does this trigger Stormwater? We should invite them to a meeting – will coordinate w/ the BOS.

9:35 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on:		

Document List – 7/22/15

- 1) Con Com Agenda & Action Checklist
- 2) Agent's report 7/23/15 to 8/12/15
- 3) Maps of Stefans OS & Henderson parcels

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