

**West Newbury
Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2010**

Members present: Dawne Fusco (Chair), Peter Flink, Barry Fogel, and Richard Spieler. Conservation agent Jay Smith and consultant Wendy Reed were present.

7:30pm. --- Discussion: Funding for Conservation Agent salary

The use of Conservation Commission filing fees to pay Agent salary was discussed. Last year the Commission funded the entire salary. Fusco moved to pay 75% of the salary from funds for the coming fiscal year, noting that a balance must be maintained in the fund to pay for professional services as needed. Spieler second. Motion passed (3,1 – Flink).

7:35pm. --- Discussion: Minutes

The minutes from January 25, 2010 were discussed. Fogel moved to approve. Spieler second. Motion passed (4,0).

7:40pm. --- Discussion: 47 Coffin St. --- Site visit request

A site visit will be conducted when the ground thaws and soil profiles are able to be assessed. The presence of a trail on the property was discussed and consultant agreed to forward a copy of the plan with the trail location noted to Agent Smith.

7:45pm. --- Cont. Public Hearing --- Request to Amend an Order of Conditions --- Paul Christofferson, for 80 Church St. --- The applicant would like to install a replacement septic system within the Merrimack River resource area.

The 1/10/2010 DEP letter of intervention was discussed and the applicant's engineer presented a revised plan showing the required flood storage compensation. The excess compensation was questioned and the engineer agreed to reduce the depth of excavation to 10 feet elevation to minimize the potential of altering the area's hydrology. The impact of this work on the invasive removal and native planting proposal proposed under the corresponding NOI for construction of a new house on the property was discussed. The engineer agreed to attach this planting plan to the revised septic plan and omit the reference to wetland seed mix as a ground cover. Fogel moved to amend the order of conditions to reference the revised plan. Spieler second. Motion passed (4,0).

8:30pm. --- Discussion --- Notice of Intent --- Patrick and Renee Corcoran for 80 Church St. ---

The Applicants would like to demolish the existing structure and construct a single-family home, dock and pool within the Merrimack River resource area and buffer zone.

No issues were identified by Natural Heritage and the requested changes to the proposed site plan were reviewed. The new grade elevations required by the flood storage compensation discussed in the previous public hearing will also be added. One half inch spacing on the deck replacement was agreed to. Fogel moved to continue the public hearing at the 2/22/2010 meeting. Spieler second. Motion passed (4,0).

8:45pm. --- Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability --- Carol Currier, 48 Garden St. --- The applicant would like to install a replacement septic system a portion of which is within a riverfront resource area. Smith noted that according to the submitted plan only the grading is within the 200 ft boundary of the resource area. Spieler moved to have Agent Smith confirm the line and report to the Commission at the next meeting. Fogel second. Motion passed (4,0).

9:05pm. --- Meeting adjourned. Fogel moved. Spieler second. Motion passed (4,0).

The next scheduled Con Com meeting will be **Monday, February 22, 2010**