

**West Newbury
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 23, 2010**

Members present: Dawne Fusco (Chair), Barry Fogel, John Dimitry, Wendy Reed and Richard Spieler. Consultant Judy Mizner and Agent Jay Smith were also present.

7:30 p.m. Discussion: --- Minutes

The minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Fogel moved to accept with minor edits. Spieler seconded. Motion passed (4,0).

7:35 p.m. Public Hearing --- Request for Determination of Applicability ---Elisa Grammer, 47 Coffin Street. ---

Applicant's proposed addition would result in the edge of concrete for the stairway being within 100 ft of the wetland line. The wetland line was confirmed last week by Smith. A total of 66 cu yd will be excavated for the foundation stockpiled outside the 100 ft buffer zone. No additional grading will be performed. Fusco moved to issue a negative determination, provided the erosion control noted on the plan is completed and Smith is notified of the start date. Fogel seconded. Motion passed (5,0).

7:40 p.m. Discussion --- Sign for Riverbend Conservation Area

Some users of the area have allowed their dogs to run through adjacent private yards and there have been complaints to the Open Space Committee. ECTA and the Open Space Committee requested permission to install two signs reminding dog owners of the town leash law. The Commission was in general agreement and requested that the sign language be finalized and presented before giving approval.

7:45 p.m. Discussion: --- Water Department, Maintenance cutting for Craven water line

The Water Department would like to clear access 10 ft on either side of the water line, some of which is within a wetland and buffer zone. Fogel noted that work outside of the buffer zone may be completed without Commission approval and recommended that the Water Department submit an RDA for work within the buffer zone or wetland. Work to be completed under a proposed maintenance plan for the line should also be included in the RDA. Smith to confirm the wetland line.

8:15 p.m. Discussion: --- Introduction of new Town Clerk

Discussion about 2 year permit extension for permits in effect August 15, 2008.

8:25 p.m. Spieler moved to appoint Barry Fogel vice chair of the Commission. Reed seconded.

Motion passed (5,0).

8:25 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

Fogel moved to adjourn the meeting. Spieler second. Motion passed (5,0).

The next scheduled Con Com meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**