

**West Newbury
Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2011**

Conservation Commission members present: Dawne Fusco (chair), John Dimitry, Barry Fogel, Rick Spieler, and Wendy Reed. Conservation agent Jay Smith and Consultant Judy Mizner were also present.

7:30 p.m. Discussion: Minutes.

The minutes from the June 20, 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted (3,0).

7:30 p.m. Discussion: William Fallows, 52 Turkey Hill Rd. --- Request for a COC.

No as built was submitted with this request for a COC in connection with septic system grading. Smith inspected the site and found that it was vegetated. Spieler moved to issue the COC. Fusco seconded the motion. Motion passed (3,0).

7:35 p.m. Discussion: Essex County Green Belt - Trail Maintenance.

Representatives from Essex County Green Belt were present to describe proposed work at two locations in West Newbury. Work on the Appleton Trail near the corner of Indian Hill and Gardner Streets and a trail off South Street both have the potential to impact wetlands. Smith and Mizner to conduct a site visit the next morning at 7:30 a.m. with Green Belt representatives and the discussion is to be continued at the next meeting.

7:50 p.m. Discussion: Essex County Green Belt – Culver Property Conservation Restrictions.

Approximately 4.5 acres to be set aside under conservation restriction consistent with Green Belt mission of protecting scenic values, providing public trail easement and connecting protected parcels. Fogel moved to sign the municipal Conservation Certification and recommend that the Board of Selectman support the conservation restriction for this property. Fusco seconded the motion. Motion passed (5,0).

8:05 p.m. Discussion: Jacalyn Bennett, 52 Rogers St. --- Discussion and site visit scheduling.

Site visit to be conducted Monday July 25 in the late afternoon. Smith to notify commission of the time via email.

8:10 p.m. Discussion: Lauren Rowland, 69 Crane Neck St.--- Violation

A gated roadway along this property has been historically mowed and used for trailer access to the property. A letter was sent in 2007 requesting that this activity be stopped. In June 2010, a letter was sent from the Commission requesting that the boundary line between the property and the conservation restriction be verified, with no response. The property owner was present at this meeting and stated that she did not know who was mowing the road and that she didn't receive the June 2010 letter. Recent invasive and brush removal along the roadway have been on her property and

all piles have been removed. She will notify Smith if she sees mowing equipment on the roadway in the future.

8:35 p.m. Discussion: Ocean Meadows trail maintenance.

No representatives were present to discuss this matter.

8:35 p.m. Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Bradley Kutcher for Cortland Lane (map R-24, lot 30) --- For the construction of a single-family home within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetative wetland that includes a stream crossing. *(No request for a continuance by applicant)*

Smith to contact Mr. Kutcher to see if he would like to withdraw the notice of intent for this property.

8:40 p.m. Discussion: Vote for alternates to the CPA committee.

Reed cannot make CPA meetings during the summer and an alternate needs to be designated. Fogel moved to appoint Fusco as an alternate to coordinate with Reed regarding meeting attendance. Spieler seconded the motion. Motion passed (5,0).

8:50 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

The next scheduled Con Com meeting will be **Monday, July 25, 2011**