West Newbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, December 5, 2011

Present: Members Dawne Fusco (chair), John Dimitry, Barry Fogel, Rick Spieler, Wendy Reed. Conservation Agent Jay Smith, Consultant Judy Mizner.

Discussion: Minutes

Spieler moved to accept the minutes from the 11/21/11 meeting. Fogel proposed edits and seconded the motion. Motion passed (5,0).

Cont. Public Hearing --- Notice of Intent --- Robert MacDonald, 108 Bachelor St. --- Septic system repair within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

A bedroom addition to a single family house prompted this proposed septic system upgrade and BOH requirements for pretreatment within 100 feet of the buffer zone. Wetland line is from a previous project and 2 years old. Smith to check the line, especially the flags that would place the project within 75 feet of the wetland and prompt additional BOH requirements.

Discussion: Brian Zaneski, 4 Albion Lane --- Request to extend an Order of Conditions (DEP #78-553).

Applicant is requesting an extension on an order expiring December 16, 2011, although it's not clear what work remains uncompleted and what work would be new. Smith to contact applicant to request a copy of the updated plan referenced in the letter request. If the work is not on the original order, the request will be denied and the applicant instructed to file a new project.

Discussion: Roger Colvin, 255 River Rd. --- Request to modify driveway approval. Applicant would like to decrease the width of the gravel driveway from 12 to 10 feet and move it approximately 10 feet closer to the property line. This would result in its length increasing 10 feet and the swale being relocated to the opposite side of the driveway. Fusco moved to accept the revised plan in lieu of the previously approved plan dated 5/2011. Spieler seconded the motion. Motion passed (5,0).

Discussion: Essex County Green Belt--- Conservation restriction amendment request – Culver/Bardeen Property

In order for this CR to meet tax credit requirements water quality protection provisions were enhanced. A ECGB representative presented the amended CR and requested that the Commission recommend BOS approval. Fusco moved to recommend BOS approval. Spieler seconded the motion. Motion passed (5,0).

Discussion: Schedule site visit for Ocean Meadows trail.

Discussion: BOH Septic System Start Notification

Smith and Mizner will draft a checklist to be included with the order of conditions cover letter to applicants and develop a tracking system that would highlight projects likely to begin close to the no work timeframe.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next scheduled Con Com meeting will be **January 9, 2012** unless filings are submitted requiring a December 19, 2011 meeting.