



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 10/14/2015

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
CC: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant

Members Attending:

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

7:00 PM Beaver Activity - Southboro Rd

- Greg Trussell says he has a place to dump the material that is removed from the dam – West River St across from the soccer field. Also, DCR has a place in Uxbridge to dump the material.
- TJ will check w/ Vin Roy (DPW) to see if they would remove the dam.
- Water level is currently high but there has been no sign of beaver activity.
- Do we still need to remove the dam?

Agent's Report

- Per report dated 9/24/15 – 10/14/15
- Working on blanket Orders for the DPW; reviewing templates from other towns; suggests categorizing work/projects. Will prepare a draft for next meeting.
- Motion to accept Glenn Odone's offer to do the survey work at the Whitney Conservation Area parking easement – 2nd and approved.
- Email from resident at 8 Francis Drive w/ new plans showing location of wetland markers at the 30', 50' and 100' buffers. Will instruct him not to move any markers but to come in to see us first w/ a plan of what he wants to do on the property.

7:30 PM General Business/Active Items

MM – motion to approve minutes from the 8/26/15, 9/9/15 and 9/23/15 meetings – 2nd & approved.

Website – will add the Hunter's Tree Stand Guidelines to the Forms & Documents page of the website.

OSC – SVT is sponsoring a hike at SWF; Baystate Trail Riders are doing a ride from the USF over to SWF and WCA; the Blackstone Valley Watershed Association is holding a walk at Stefans land this is free for their members but they want to charge non-members \$5. Charging admission on Town property is not allowed thus we will suggest that they ask for donations.

LSC – The Girl Scout who built & installed the kiosk at Peppercorn Hill is holding a community event at the site on Sunday, Oct. 18th from 1 – 4 pm; CPC will hold a hearing on Oct 26th for the conceptual plan for another potential access to the Stefan's land; this access has potential for crossing private land; Motion to authorize the LSC to contact private land owners for discussion of the access to Stefans land – 2nd & approved.

Whitney Conservation Area/Parking Easement – need to let Mr. Potheau know when Glenn Odone is going to be on the property; also need to let the Town Manager know and see if we should possibly have a police

officer on hand when Glenn is there. Would there be a charge for the officer? Still working on date to install the sign; working with the Potheau's and BOS on this. Snow removal policy will be discussed at next BOS meeting.

Ryan Parcel (Meadow Dr) – deed has been drafted and given to Town Counsel.

Forestry – waiting for reports; outreach is next step.

Cook Property (Milford St) – Chris will contact to set up a site visit – possibly Saturday 11/7/15 at 10 am.

8:05 PM NOI - 12 Shore Dr

- Continued to 10/28 @ 8:15 pm

8:10 PM RDA – 95 Crockett Rd

R. Stallard

- RDA for the removal of several trees within the buffer zone; some are dead or dying and owner has concerns of them falling.
- Selby has no issue with cutting the trees he has marked; no stump grinding but can leave the brush or cut trees outside the 100' buffer as wildlife habitat.
- Hearing closed.
- Will issue a Neg #3 within 2 weeks.
- Motion to sign the Determination (Negative #3) for 95 Crockett Rd – second & approved.

8:15 PM Continued General Business Items

Admin/Finances – motion to sign expense voucher – 2nd & approved.

November Meetings – won't be meeting on Wed. Nov. 11th (Veterans Day holiday) or Wed Nov. 25th (night before Thanksgiving); Will meet only once on Wed. Nov 18th in Little Town Hall (Denise to confirm).

8:20 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on: _____

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Document List – 10/14/15

- 1) Con Com Agenda & Action Checklist
- 2) Agent's report 9/10 – 9/23/15
- 3) Email from S. Nagpal of 8 Francis Drive, Upton