

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 2/11/2015
(8:30 pm due to STM at 7:00 pm)

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

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Alan Miano and Scott Heim
Mary Overholt (Associate); Selby (Agent)

8:30 PM 101 Crockett Rd -- NOI

K&S Colwell

- Renovations/addition to the existing house that was built in 1972. House is 70' from the lake; proposed renovations will be about 60' from the lake.
- Renovations will be to close in the existing deck; will add new footings (sono tubes) not a full foundation due to the slope of the property; will have storage area underneath the new addition but will not be weather tight.
- Will need to install erosion controls.
- Also, renovating the existing garage which is located across the road (away from the lake). No impact to lake/wetlands.
- Hearing closed.

8:45 PM Upton State Forest – culvert discussion

B. Taylor

- Need to install a culvert due to the slope between Southboro Rd and the Rabbit Run Trail.
- Need to determine what size culvert; suggestion is for 12" or 18" about 4 feet long; also will need proper fill material.
- Will submit plans to the DCR.
- Amendment of the existing NOI will be submitted.

9:00 PM General Items

OSC – BOS voted at their meeting on 2/5/15 to not accept the offer of the land donation (off North St). Bill suggested the owner contact Metacomet Land Trust to see if they would be interested. Con Com could purchase the land (can't accept the gift but can purchase it). Also, attended a workshop held by SVT regarding estate planning.

Meeting Minutes – motion to accept and sign minutes from 1/14/15 – 2nd and approved.

LSC – Working with Americorp regarding places to connect trails w/ other towns. The Stefans parking lot is buried need to talk w/ Blythe about having it plowed.

Finances - payroll signed; motion to sign expense voucher for Selby's 2nd Qtr Salary and Beaver Solutions contract – 2nd and approved.

Rockwood Meadows – Town Council is reviewing the CR and easement documents.

Technology items – suggestion made to have a screen for use in the main hall; also some discussion of purchasing a white (smart) board for the conference room – see if Planning Board would be willing to chip in.

Whitney Conservation Parking Area – whoever is plowing the lot is doing a good job; need to provide the Potheau’s a sample of the sign we want to install; hoping to do so this spring.

ATM – Warrant is open must submit articles by mid-March (16th).

Maple Ave Landfill – received a water quality report; it was noted that there is an error on the plan as it doesn’t identify land that the Town owns – the plan shows it as State Forest – Selby will contact Ron Roux to ensure that it is corrected prior to recording.

Beavers (Southboro Rd) – Selby contacted trapper from Framingham but have not heard back; will try again.

Ethics Test – reminder of the online test and provide the certificate to the Town Clerk.

64 Taft St – potential buyer called to discuss possibility of putting a riding stable on this property; will inform him that and NOI would be necessary.

Forest Management – given the depth of the snow we should see if we can extend the deadline; Rupert has not yet been onsite.

9:40 PM Agent’s Report -- Per submitted report dated 1/15/15 – 2/11/15

- 4 Taft St – violation noted while investigating beaver activity; a retaining wall has been built along the stream bank. Selby will contact DEP.
- DPW property off Pleasant St – storing materials near vernal pools but there are well-vegetated berms around the pools that look like they have been there for quite a while; Selby will visit in the spring (whenever the snow is gone) and talk w/ the new DPW Director (when hired).
- Nipmuc HS property – they are working on a Master Plan and have some questions about streams (intermittent or perennial). Any previously disturbed areas are ok but new expansion would fall under the bylaw. Selby will contact.

10:00 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on: _____

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