

## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2010

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd, Rosely Rupinski, Scott Heim  
Deb Sexton, John Savello

## Meeting Timeline

7:30 Mike Weaver – finalized CR for West River

**7:36 EO 4 Westborough Rd.** present: **Kathy Woodin,**

- JS site visit review
- BVW on area of lot
- Cleared to edge of BVW, nothing appears to be disturbed in wet.
- Within buffer in back has cleared.
- Lot 71 – lease for 18 acres
- 1 ½ acres (2.64 acres)
- CS explained to KW that it is important to file with UCC within 100' of a wetland.
- KW is willing to create a buffer between buffer and riding ring.
- Proposing 25' buffer to vegetate, fence between hay bales and inner fence to be vegetated.
- BOH granted a variance for additional horses but land would need to be cleared. Funds are limited at this time. Want to reduce # of horses.
- KW suggested a possible footbridge to cross some of the intermittent stream.
- KW plans on moving manure pile in far back near WL.
- CS suggests to file NOI with what has been done and what is being planned for. SL explained it lasts for 3 years and then you can extend when money is available.
- KW has been using dump trailer.
- UCC asked for a manure plan.
- Immediate plan: 1) Removing manure in the far back of lot. 2) Erosion controls staked into ground (hay bales are on site), down to left, up and bottom of slope. 3) Let disturbed area re-vegetated.
- UCC site visit – Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 9:00am at Westborough Rd.

**8:15 Landfill Closure** present: **D. Therrien**

- Submitted document that was a response to a letter
- Re did the calcs
- Letter/document from Woodard and Curran

**8:30 Al Holman update from BOH re: 4 Westborough Rd.**

**8:40 Discussion re: Cross St. and School St.** present: **Cody Henderson**

- Mark Allen working on it
- 100 x 150 lot size, septic
- No hydrology in soil
- No flood zone, no resource area, no BVW
- Some planting indicative of WL
- Maybe isolated wet but small

**8:50 General**

- Motion to accept meeting minutes for 12/9/09 – All in favor

**9:05 16 Christian Hill – wants to take down 4 – 5 dead trees for safety purposes.**

- Motion to allow removal of dead trees for maintenance and safety – all in favor.

**9:10 General**

- Motion to extend OOC for Sylvan Springs – all in favor
- Motion to reappoint open space committee; Marcella Stasa, Scott Heim, Rick Holmes, Tom Dodd and Mike Penko – all in favor

- Right to dry by law – hanging laundry out to dry. MP questioned if it should be in our by law.

**9:15 Beaver Management**

- DCR - willing to do NOI with C. Scott over vacation in February for dike structure.
- MS – a huge portion of the bog is private property. Not sure what will happen.

**9:25 54, 56, 58 Pleasant St. – clean out culverts**

- Taking out vegetation and stream.

**9:30 General**

- Send letter for erosion within one year and OOC extension back two years.
- Site visit for UCC C. Smith
- UCC not in favor of taking part of town shredder program. Don't have the funds.

**9:50 Meeting Adjourned**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010

### **Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd, Rosely Rupinski, Scott Heim  
Deb Sexton, John Savello

### **Meeting Timeline**

**7:30 NOI 97 Crockett Rd. present: Rick Marino and Dave Marquedant**

- CS read legal notice.
- Property is exempt from by law.
- Dave M. presented plans: replace part of patio, replace stairs with granite and stone. A change to floor plan.
- No additional bedrooms or bathrooms.
- Set back with a variance.
- 10" higher than existing retaining wall.
- 35 x 22 lawn (approx 650 aw ft.) of lawn being removed/converted to patio.
- DM – did topo map for site.
- The work that is proposed was already done outside NOI from previous filing.
- Cont. to 2/24/10.
- CS read some e-mails from a few concerned abutters – Basiles and Stoddards.
- Mr. Leigh Hayward was at the meeting to express some concerns of his sister (Lisa Basile) who is an abutter.
- Drainage is a main concern for abutters.
- Concerned about allowing an enormous structure w/in buffer zone.
- Site walk scheduled for Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. Con Com members only.

**8:00 EO discussion continued present: Kathy Woodin, Irfan Nasrullah**

- 18 Wheeler coming on Thursday 1/28/10, excavator there and ready to go.
- Marcella went there today and the manure is still there.
- Hay bales need to be staked in.
- SL asked about BOH concern – down to 8/9 horses so far so good (BOH not present).
- NOI will be filed – not sure when. Maybe filing for both existing and proposed.
- MS asked about manure plan. Everyday collect and use dump trailer and remove.
- Irfan asked to update UCC by e-mail.
- Site visit Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**8:15 Land Fill Closure cont.**

- No one present.

**8:17 General**

- Motion to accept meeting minutes from 12/23/09 – All in favor.
- Open space plan discussion.
- CS will propose budget to Fin Com. UCC reviewed fund sheet. CS will continue to ask for 5,000 for Beavers.
- Volunteer office hours – Con Com supportive of idea. Sandy L. may consider.
- Does Glen Echo soccer field need to file an extension for their OOC? CS believes it does.
- Eric Diaz for Hartford Ave. has had to put project on hold. No update. Rescheduled for 2/10/10.
- Motion to pay bill for beaver deceiver maintenance – All in favor.

**8:50 Adjourn meeting**

**8:51 Enter Executive Session**

**9:35 Exit Executive Session**

**9:38 Reopen meeting to hear Upton Landfill update present: Dave Therrien and Cody Henderson**

- DT presented update letter from Woodard and Curran.
- All issues have been addressed.
- 5' of clearing to address erosion controls.
- MP – suggested adding swamp blue stripe to the mix of re-vegetation.
- MP – looking for a 5 year maintenance (no in update).

**10:00 Meeting Adjourned**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, February 24, 2010

### **Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd, Rosely Rupinski  
Deb Sexton, John Savello

## **Meeting Timeline**

**7:30 Discussion Fowler St. present: Dave Therrein, Antoinette and John Poirier**

- Follow up – two wet areas between 2 houses
- Detention basin that was put in, containing solids
- Grass swale is already there – water backs up to it
- DT suggested lowering berm on one side
- UCC – water needs to be managed, filtered, controlled and directed. Slowed and filtered into ground then into stream.
- CS referred to people with similar issue on Wood St. ex. trench and grass swale. The solution is working well today.
- Antoinette P. – berm is not adequate. Water keeps running out of it and manure is coming out.
- Water is causing erosion and it is contaminated on Poirier's property.
- CS – asked DT what is the solution to slow down water so it can be absorbed in soil?
- Plan for berms
- UCC suggested to Poiriers to put concerns down in writing and to get water samples tested (maybe BOH).
- BOH could help with water contamination problem.

**7:55 NOI 94 Taft St. present: Justin Snow**

- Wants to extend driveway
- 30 x 30 building to be built
- JS reviewed his list (e-mail) to J.Snow. The wetland lines on the plans were not accurate (not to scale).
- JS went over the NOI application and what was inaccurate and what was missing.
- J.Snow maybe could work with J. Savello and T. Davidson regarding the application.
- UCC – needs to have more specific details of the project on paper to have documented.
- UCC needs better drawings of plans to scale.
- Site visit Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.
- Continued 3/10/10 to 8:45
- DEP issued a number.

**8:17 CS excused herself to attend a Fin Com meeting.**

**8:20 NOI (cont) 97 Crockett Rd. present: R. Marino and D.Marquedant**

- Site visit
- Applicant will add 9 metal pavers (2x2) on top of existing retainer wall.
- Drains are more environmentally friendly.
- Motion to close hearing – all in favor
- UCC will issue an OOC

**8:25 Update on landfill closure Maple Ave. present: D.Therrein**

- Filed with Army Corp.
- Notice from the State Historical
- Wampanoag Indians
- Updated letter with mix re-vegetation
- Cont. to 3/24/10 at 8:00pm

**8:35 General**

- Meeting minutes 1/27/10 – hold off until CS next meeting

- Open Space plan discussion
- Stream surveys – UCC would like to keep it. Maybe have BVT group help participate. Possibly older teens. Safety needs to be stressed. Maybe Eagle Scout project.
- Filing chart – M.Penko created, UCC reviewed.
- UCC ok with Warren Brook night walk on 2/27/10 with Open Space.
- Goss Pond – last March 09 23 acre parcel was deeded to the town. Should the Stewardship Committee manage the property? Henderson family – sign and trail. UCC asked to send letter to selectman to ask. UCC said yes.
- Marcella will draft letter for Chris to sign.

**9:15 CS returned. Update from Fin Com meeting**

- Con Com budget was approved
- UCC discussed the town hall use survey
- 85 Crockett Rd. building a dock. UCC considering and EO. Need to verify.
- CS will call him to confirm.
- S.Lajoie – Read Across America to read as a community service person.
- Marcella, Tom and Mike to write articles for Town Crier for Earth Day over several weeks.
- Executive session minutes question. Need to follow up with K.McElreath.
- Motion to adjourn.

**10:06 Meeting Adjourned**

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## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Tom Dodd  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, March 10, 2010

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Sandy Lajoie, Marcella Stasa, Tom Dodd, [John Savello (arrived at 8:10)]

No UCC members or audience were Audio or Video taping

### Meeting Timeline:

#### 7:35PM NOI 94 Taft St present: Justin Snow Bob, Gail Snow

- Presented updated plan with driveway and building floor elevation dated 3/10/10
- Not planning on moving chain link fence or shed
- Add Silt fence or hay bales along slopes to help keep soil from eroding
- Add 4 bounds (MP marked plan with purple marker). Located at Flag 1,5,8,13 – 30' from wl line – No disturb area. Can use boulder or bounds with "W".
- Call UCC for inspection prior to start
- Applicant would like to close

#### 8:00PM Discussion 85 Crockett Rd No Attendees

- DK agreed to do Ch91 waterways dock permit and file NOI in conversation with CS

#### 8:05PM Discussion 237 North St No Attendees

- CS received email from Diane Judd (Admin Code Enforcement) relating someone wanting to purchase 237 North St property only if she could put a pool in. UCC needs plans with wl lines to determine whether a pool can be put there. UCC really can't determine without plans showing wl lines and pool location.  
Suggested hiring a wl scientist (J Schmidt or E Chagnon) for wl work.

#### 8:10PM Discussion South St Gravel removal

##### present: Henry Poirier, Henry "Sonny" Poirier

- Presented plans and permit used for previous permit. Name will change to South St Trust. Changing 50k yards/year to 20k (total of 60k over 3 years). Plan shows wetlands and stream crossing along existing entrance road.
- Front section (towards entry) has been loamed and seeded including pine trees.
- Removal area not within 200' riverfront and not near wetlands. No trees being removed from property.
- Question as to whether there are rare species in area – needs to be checked with NHESP. UCC can check to see if it's mapped and possibly requiring a filing to NHESP.
- Members will visit site on own time.
- UCC doesn't need to have filing. UCC will send letter to BOS. CS will draft for review for next meeting.

#### 8:30PM General

- Ethics test needs to be completed by Apr 2. Vendors that we typically hire may have to take test also.
- Reviewed draft of WPA/Bylaw Required Filing Chart
- Reviewed Open Meeting Law info from MACC
- MS wrote draft of Goss Pond letter to BOS to allow UCC to manage.
- Reviewed WPA OOC for 97 Crockett Rd – New WPA forms. Motion to sign Richard Marino's OOC – All in favor with CS abstained.
- Motion to sign 94 Taft St (revised plans, hay bales on new grass areas, bounds) – All in favor
- Reviewed WL's Bylaw fund warrant article. Motion to put Bylaw fund article on warrant – All in favor.
- Reviewed warrant article for Taft Mill Cons Area. Question as to name is ok or change. Believe may be able to change on meeting floor. Motion to put article on warrant – All in favor. Should walk property before ATM.
- SUASCO invasives training. Upton only has a small part in that watershed – training within USF. Focus is emerging invasives. PL, gas line, boat ramps are good vectors. Maybe USF and Open Space could sponsor.
- Noble Vista has continued meeting again. Delay is on their part.
- Beaver issue at Southboro Rd again. Notice to DFW not needed to remove debris (beaver placed there) from outlet control structure. Beaver deceiver appears to be working.

- TD will try to put together chronology of all beaver related activity done by UCC and town at this site for later discussion with DCR.
- Motion to send letter to DCR about beaver problem at Southboro Rd – All in favor
- Signage (12x18") for town property – Land Stewardship. Would like feedback. BOS should review.
- NOI for Peppercorn Hill cart path culvert needs to be completed

**10:00PM Meeting Adjourned**

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## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, March 24, 2010

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd, Rosely Rupinski  
Deb Sexton, John Savello

## Meeting Timeline

**7:35 Fowler St. Update** present: **Dave Therrein, Mr. Cody, Antoinette and John Poirier**

- Existing stone basin with dry well in center of it (3' deep) to accommodate a water issue.
- Propose to continue stone berm with 5' opening with a mesh grate.  $\frac{1}{2}''$  –  $\frac{3}{4}''$  openings.
- Berm on one side dropped down 1', redirect solids and water.
- CS asked about maintenance plan.
- Mr. Poirier made a suggestion. Run a trench through the pines, 200' to hill. Let water run through catch basin into brook (away from his property).
- CS reminded Mr. Cody about a written proposal to UCC.

**8:05 Landfill closure update**

- Continued to 7:45 on 4/14/10.
- Waiting for a letter from Heritage.
- Water quality and site visit
- DCR letter – o.k. to go forward with construction.

**8:12 North Street Soccer Field update** present: **Dan Boucher and Dave Adams**

- Conceptual plans to final plans
- Town received money to pay for field.
- CPA funds will finance soccer field on North Ave. O.K. to spend money even if lot wasn't originally purchased by CPC funds.
- Parking lot expensive because of retaining wall.
- Planning board, rejected conceptual plan #3 because of 50' to abutters.
- Looking at going with conceptual plan #1.
- UCC o.k. with an amended NOI on original OOC.
- NH concern was a salamander was on endangered species list and filed was near its habitat. Now salamander is no longer on list.
- Abutters are o.k. with plan #1 (vs. 3 or 4).

**8:25 Discussion 85 Crockett Rd.**

present: **Dave Krawiec**

- Proposing to install a Presby septic system.
- JS o.k. with it.
- 18" vs. 2' – asking for a waiver
- BOH approved it.
- 21' from lake
- D.K. presented engineered plans.
- CS said to file an amended NOI (the original one he filled was 3 or 4 years ago)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> topic of discussion was the dock.
- DK presented ideas. Will be submitting a NOI next week.

**8:56 Tax Abatement information/request**

- UCC discussed the items a homeowner would need to obtain.
- Plan of land. Meets and bounds of area. Area square footage. %age of wetland to upland.
- Plan prepared by land surveyor.
- Planned ANORAD to UCC
- Must be in specific format in order for board to review (ex. ANORAD)

**9:00 East St. Paving**

- JS update – berm, catch basin
- Presented a plan – more water treatment.

**9:20 General**

- Motion to accept 3/10/10 meeting minutes – All in favor (send a copy to Jim Bates)
- E-mail correspondence discussion – public record
- CS – suggested putting “public record” on bottom of e-mails.
- Land Stewardship – received o.k. from selectman to have Goss Pond under their per view. Can follow up on Mr. Henderson’s requests.
- J.S. looked at property 147 South St. for building permit.
- Asked board to decide if RFD or NOI based on what he saw; BVW in sections, season stream)
- Site visit was scheduled for Sunday 3/28/10 at 9:00am at 147 South St.

**9:45 Town Crier Article**

- MP has working draft to respond to recent article written by Al Holman.
- Plan on writing a soccer field chronology.
- UCC supportive of writing an article to clarify events.

**10:20 Meeting Adjourned**

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## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2010

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Dodd, Scott Heim  
Deb Sexton

## Meeting Timeline

**7:30 Crosswinds Discussion** present: **Bob Poxon and Mr. Sarkesian**

- Mr. Poxon presented plans
- Valid OOC
- Dogwood Dr. and Blueberry Lane off Plain St.
- Mr. Sarkesian proposing to start this summer
- Start with clearing trees
- Re-establish WL flags and limited off clearing
- Flag construction easements
- Work outside buffer
- CR easement
- Individual lots will be filled
- To install erosion controls
- Contact CS directly , put DEP # up
- Easements will be signed over to town
- Not sure about open space part of prop.
- 44 house lots

**7:45 NOI 9 Cider Mill Lane** present: **Norman Hill and John Yost**

- CS read legal notice
- Has a failed septic system
- BVW, seasonal brook
- N.Hill presented plan
- Topo is elevated – road is higher than the house
- 57' from 1<sup>st</sup> WL flag
- 21' to WL erosion
- House was built in 1964
- BOH has approved plan
- New pump tank
- UCC - no need for site visit
- Hearing is closed
- Call John Yost for OOC – 508-529-4653

**7:53 Landfill closure**

- Postponed. D.Therrien to meet with Fish and Game.

**7:54 UCC – Personnel board meeting – CS, MS, MP – board agreed to \$25/hour for agent position.**

- UCC will advertise with MACC and AMWS to find agent.
- Filing chart – Tom Dodd finalized.
- Send it to engineers and WL scientist
- Put on town website
- General text on UCC website
- Possible by-law form to be submitted with filings.
- SWF – UCC needs to sing land grant appl. Meet with selectman, UCC to sign signature page.
- Comment Letter for West St. 5 lot subdivision – Motion to send letter to Planning Board – ALL IN FAVOR.

- CS letter for gravel removal.
- Still waiting for copy of as-built plans from Shinning Rock.

**8:40 Discussion Glen Echo/Howarth Conservation Area Land Use** present: **R. Howarth,**

**K.White, A.Mehr, C&R Plutnicki**

- No hunting/warning /safety zone signs – have not been posted.
- They (home owners) would like to prevent hunting near their property.
- Concerned about the degree of danger. Ex. how far a bullet can travel.
- Other towns have no hunting within 1,000 – 2,000 feet of a dwelling ex. Hamden and Hull.
- Upton's Land Use regs refers to Mass Dept. of Fish and Wildlife regs which allows hunting within 500' of a dwelling.
- Residents showed two maps – one with a 500' circle (existing) and a second with a 1,000' circle (proposed).
- Residents referred to website – Mass Council.
- Proposal for Glen Echo open space only.
- Mr. Howarth – would like to keep to the 500'; 1) Balance in the forest – deer population and 2) Tick problem becomes worse. Over population of deer will cause more of a tick problem and they will deforest the area.
- Hunting season is for 1 -2 months (Oct/Nov).
- Hunters use shot guns (not rifles) to hunt deer.
- Mr. Howarth asks hunters to come in. Fish and Wildlife personnel.
- Hunters have to have permits, training and special equipment.
- 1,000 feet would eliminate the open space land for hunting; 3 lots.
- Conservation Commission Act – UCC has complete control over land use regulations in the town.
- Homeowners should come up with wordings for the proposed land regs changes.
- UCC will look into posting requirements
- Put ads in both Crier and Milford Daily News.

**9:30 General**

- West River Rd. – site visit Sunday at 9:00 am
- CS reviewed paperwork to be signed by commission.
- UCC would like to do something for Jim Bates. Maybe formal certificate of thanks.

**9:50 Meeting Adjourned – All in favor**

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## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2010

### Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Marcella Stasa, Mike Penko, Tom Dodd  
Debbie Sexton

## Meeting Timeline

**7:40 Landfill closure update** present: Dave Therrien

- DT met with Nat Hert 3 weeks ago.
- Discussed lost habitat and ways to mitigate.
- 3 ½ acres of lost habitat
- Looking for 2:1 replication.
- Can do offsite mitigation.
- Cost approx. \$6,100/acre.
- Established habitat area would have to be under CR. DT asked UCC if they would hold CR.
- UCC asked for a possible separate legal defense fund and maintenance fund, stewardship fund. Money to be held in escrow.
- UCC asked if Upton Dev Group could write up a proposal for the commission to consider the CR.
- DT – asked about CR at Warren Woods.
- Continued to 7/14/10 at 7:30.

**8:15 CS gave DT a copy of Cody Henderson's letter.**

**8:16 TD - By-law filing form is finished.**

**8:30 Beaver Issues:** 1)Liability waiver –TD isn't signing, Blythe suggested not to. 2)New dam, UCC knock down, TD to contact Tim Davidson. 3)Get copy of form from Blythe. 4)Skip will put in deceiver on other side of dam.

**8:47 General**

- Motion to accept meeting minutes from 5/26/10 – All in favor
- Motion to accept meeting minutes from 6/9/10 – All in favor
- Filing chart all set
- UCC reviewed TD's wetland protection by law application permit.

**9:00 General**

- Site visits - Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 – 23 Church St., Kenneth Village following
- TD 6/24/10 West River St. Afonzo at 6:00.
- SWF – MP going before CPC next week with proposal.
- Motion to complete signature page for land grant – All in favor. Selectman previously signed.
- CS reviewed letter at Fowler St. given to DT.

**9:20 Pending Concerns**

- CS to send letter to Cathy Woodin about her manure pile.
- 9/22/10 hearing for possible change to land use regs at Howarth Conservation area (no hunting issue).
- 97 Crockett Rd. - Rick Marino's wall is failing – would like to remove wall and soil, put in footings and rebuild the wall. CS suggested he submit an amended NOI to his earlier filing.
- Meeting Minutes – verify what KM has at her office and what is missing. Tom and Chris had done the minutes in the past; they printed out and have on their home computers.

**10:00 UCC read letter from FJ Cobb regarding land clearing for Cross Winds.**

- UCC discussed FJ Cobb's proposal.
- CS to follow up with some questions.
- Motion to authorize CS to make decision after following up with questions. – All in favor.

**10:15 15 Hartford Ave. – CoC**

- Hasn't been re-vegetated. Not seeded.
- UCC o.k. with full compliance.
- Motion to sign CoC for 15 Hartford Ave. – All in favor.

10:25

**Meeting Adjourned**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, July 14, 2010

### **Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Marcella Stasa, Mike Penko, Tom Dodd, Sandy Lajoie  
Absent: Scott Heim  
Clerk: Debbie Sexton

## **Meeting Timeline**

No one recording meeting.

### **7:33 Landfill closure update**

**Present: Dave Therrien**

- Still working with Natural Heritage – should be complete within 2 weeks. People on vacation.
- Draft is together.
- CR – around the detention basin.
- Putting together funding for/escrow – botanist and CR
- Will decide what is going to be done off site.
- DT also looked into Warren Woods CR.

### **7:45 NOI 44 Milford St.**

**Present: Peter Bemis**

#### **Documents: NOI filing, plans dated 6/18/10, legal notice**

- CS read notice
- Failed septic system – wanting to repair
- WL all around site and intermittent stream
- Plans rev. through 7/8/10 – plans reissued for permitting.
- Materials being dumped over into WL
- Direct run off (no filter) into WL
- Proposing: project 10' off back of building, crushed stone vs. pavement, raised system with curb, less than one foot high.
- Not expanding capacity. Meets minimum Title V.
- Working in resource buffer.
- UCC suggested a fence in back to protect the WL from any further materials being dumped into wetlands. Ex. split rail vs. chain link.
- UCC asked to have gravel, cinderblocks to be removed.
- PB said he would document removal work
- Closed hearing.
- PB will mail the green cards to us.
- PB asked for OCC on 41 Milford St. to be extended.
- Grass cutting hasn't been done.
- CS asked to encourage Mr. Wambolt to cut the grass.

### **8:05 RFD Pratt Hill off Warren St.**

**Present: Rick V cocci from Industrial Wireless, LLC**

#### **Documents: RFD filing, plans, legal notice**

- CS read notice
- Have been permitted to build by planning board.
- Using existing access road off Warren Rd.
- Obtaining license agreement and easement.
- Majority of work is outside the 50' buffer.
- Work is being done down slope of road.
- Proposed siltation system.
- Recent MESA filing.
- Crushed stone on roadways.
- MP concerned if filing should have been NOI. By law - Land within 100' of WL will be disturbed.

- Utilities will be put along side of the road (opposite of swale).
- IW required by state to maintain snow removal.
- FCC governs environmental study.
- UCC would like to be cc'd on report
- IW – surveyed land for artifacts – The Native Americans chose spot for work.
- MP suggested site visit – Thursday 7/22/10 at 6:00pm
- Contact Mr. Uhlman.
- Cont. 7/28/10 at 8:00pm.

**8:30** UCC discussed some concerns about Industrial Wireless project; access road concerns, Upton State Forest, any benefit in having an OOC, should they file NOI.

**8:40 General**

- 23 Church St. – CS read letter; **Document:** Letter to the Summers
- Anthony Ward (Eagle Scout) dropped off receipts to be reimbursed from CPC funds for his ES project.
- SWF – land grant has been submitted (FedEx). Gail still considering other options. MP drafted a letter asking Gail to commit to selling to the town.
- JBR – CS read suggestions, plaque.
- UCC comment letter on large lot reduction at Glen View. **Document:** Planning Board letter and plans, application for special permit.
- TD still working on resolving liability waiver (beaver issue).
- Tim Davidson took out the dam between culverts. Beavers came back.
- Land Use Regs – Residents want to go forward for larger no hunting zone (1,000 ft. vs. 500 ft.). September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Marcella and Chris have been going to visit sites for building permits.
- Applicants Miccile owe for bound markers. 147 South St. – Glen Odone's clients.
- E-mail Excel spreadsheet again to all Con Com
- E-mail missing meeting minutes.
- Motion to accept meeting minutes from 6/23/10 – All in favor
- Motion to extend 41 Milford St. OOC – All in favor
- Motion to issue OOC for 44 Milford St. with special conditions – All in favor
- Write a letter telling him to remove stuff that was in WL – All in favor.

**9:50** CS reviewed up coming site visits

**9:55 Meeting Adjourned**

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## UNAPPROVED

### **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, July 28, 2010

### **Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd, Scott Heim (in at 8:07)  
UCC Assistant: Deb Sexton

### **Meeting Timeline**

**7:34 Landfill Closure Discussion** present: **Dave Therrien, Cody Henderson**

- Reached an agreement with Natural Heritage
- Documents: Natural Heritage accepted plans, plans for turtle habitat replication
- 3 acres disturbed, 2:1 replication, total 6 acres
- Money in escrow for turtle study; approx \$28K
- Declaration of creation, 1 acre will be subject to conservation restriction
- DT asking if UCC will hold CR and money in escrow.
- Fence used as barrier to prevent turtles to go onto site.
- DT – Eve at NH can answer CR questions from UCC. She is in o T/W/Th
- DT looking for UCC to close soon. CS would like to wait for all paperwork to come in.
- Grading and planting, blending sloped for turtle habitat, (1 acre on plan, 5 acres mitigation)
- Looking to close. Continue process on site.

**7:53 Amended NOI 97 Crockett Rd.** present: **Rick Marino, Dave Marquedant**

- Documents: NOI, plans revised 7/20/10 - Marquedant, legal notice
- CS read legal notice
- DM presented plans and changes: 1)sloping walk vs. staircase. 2)replacing existing retaining wall.  
3)fewer pavers. 4)2 new staircases. 5)new-replace wall in water with sea wall – 85' along shoreline, 10' wide, underwater.
- As part of OOC – UCC would like to come and see the site when the water in lake is drawn.
- MP requested to see some jagged habitat for fish
- MS asked if wall being proposed at shoreline would fail.
- UCC would like to see habitat rocks in addition.
- Start some of the work now, continue after the water is drawn.
- 2 hay bale rows, show detail of habitat rocks on plans,
- CS would like to see updated revised plans.
- CS closed hearing.

**8:19 Pratt Hill RFD (cont.)** present: **Industrial Wireless –Rick Voci, Kevin Delaney, abutter Mark Ulhman**

- Documents: Updated plans dated 7/26/10 from Industrial Communications Engineering Division
- UCC has some site visit concerns on property
- Proximity off wetland to road
- Road concerns going up to site (swales)
- Wetland on Sarkesians property possibly VP
- NOI vs. RFD question
- TD looked into wet – no VP as far as he can see.
- RV – 200' buffer on plan – updated
- Cell phone by laws – restrict IW from building close to homes.
- TD – would like to see an order that would be recorded with the state.
- Planning board – UCC would like them to have updated plans.
- Native Americans have site plans too.

- MP asked for PDF of plans – RV will send to me and I will forward to UCC)
- CS closed hearing.

**8:40 General**

- Motion to sign OOC for 97 Crockett Rd. (Scott Heim abstained) – All in favor
- Motion to sign negative determination – All in favor
- Motion to sign meeting minutes from 7/14/10
- SWF – ZBA asked to send letter to Gail H. about protecting town's interest in land. MP drafting letter.
- Agent position – 5 are coming in on 9/10/10
- 6 interview question at police station from UCC of each applicant 7:00pm – 9:30.
- Shelly Hammand (applicant) can't be there on the 10<sup>th</sup> – possible phone interview – SL not in favor but can be there on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- CS read possible questions for interviews UCC discussed.

**9:22 41 Milford St. letter**

- CS drafted a response letter for Anne Suazo. Documents: letter to Anne and Anne's e-mail.
- Beaver issues: Documents: Tom's e-mail
- Outlining Eve's suggestions at NH. MP suggested through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**9:30 General**

- UCC – Cook speckled alder, UCC leave it and let it grow.
- Does not dye woodchips on site but asked if he could in future. UCC said there would need to be an amendment to the NOI.

9:37 No hunting area at Howarth Conservation Land. Document: guidelines for public discussion. DS to put legal ad in paper twice before the meeting.

- August 17<sup>th</sup> – homeowners to get me their proposal.
- M.Penko speaking on behalf of Historical Comm. – neighbors complaining of people from Historical Comm filling holes. Thurs. 8/5/10 at 6:00 site visit.

10:00 MP found box turtle at Stephans.

**10:02 UCC motioned to go into executive session**

**10:05 UCC exited executive session and resumed meeting**

**10:06 Meeting Adjourned – All in favor**

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## UNAPPROVED

### **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Debbie Sexton  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, August 11, 2010

### **Members Attending:**

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Dodd  
UCC Assistant: Deb Sexton  
Absent: Scott Heim

### **Meeting Timeline**

**7:31 Landfill Closure Discussion (cont)** **present: Dave Therrien**

- Drafted plan
- Money in escrow would need to be tied to wood turtle and to manage site and CR.
- Documents: DT presented plans for turtle habitat and fence. Plans are not complete.
- CR question – UCC still discussing details.
- Continued to 8/25/10 at 7:30

**7:50 20 Taft St. discussion** **present: Jason Minor**

- Clearing was being done.
- JM – described history of his property – underground culvert, 24" pipe, 2 manholes on each side, has horses and cleared property.
- Problem he describes – town put new street and pipe in. Sheets of water were flooding into his driveway and eroding his driveway.
- JM tried to contact DPW several times without any response.
- His pipe under the driveway is not working.
- JM would like to connect pipe from town to his pipe.
- Documents: JM presented drawings of his solution, zoning maps, and four pictures of his property.
- Clearing of trees done about 2 years ago.
- New pipe from town was laid into his property – not sure if it is within easement.
- CS referred JM to Blythe Robinson, Town Manager, rather than the DPW.
- Consulting town engineer is Larry Bombara.
- TD asked if UCC should have site visit with DPW at site.
- CS will contact Blythe R.
- UCC recommended JM to continue to stop work, write letter to document problem and contact Blythe.

**8:20** UCC discussed RFD for Industrial Wireless. Can UCC visit site – yes, if written in negative determination.

- CS reviewed conditions of OOC for 97 Crockett Rd. CS received updated plans from Marquedant for the file.
- CS read letter of UCC findings for 41 Milford St. addressed to Ann Suazo.
- Motion to send letter to A. Suazo – all in favor.
- SWF – still work to do. Selectman's input. There was a site visit.
- UCC discussed applicants for agent's position. 3 applicants weren't really qualified. One was more qualified. 2<sup>nd</sup> interview with Sara will be held 8/16/10 and 1<sup>st</sup> interview with Shelly will be held 8/17.
- 47 Southboro Rd. – question about CoC. When OOC expired the work wasn't finished. UCC issued CoC and applicant will file for NOI for remainder of project.
- Beaver management – TD still looking for state to submit NOI to lower the water level. Document: 5<sup>th</sup> Revision of TD's Beaver Issue Control plan.
- 12 – 16 Main St. NOI Scout project never closed. CS asked Barbara Burke is she wants to keep it open. She does.

**9:30** Motion to approve OOC Extension for Rockwood Meadows – all in favor

- CS read mail about open meeting laws from Kelly McElreath.

**9:50 Meeting Adjourned – All in favor**

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## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Tom Dodd  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 9/22/10

### Members Attending:

Tom Dodd, Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Scott Heim (arrived at 8:20)  
(Denise Smith)

### Meeting Timeline:

#### 7:30PM NOI (continued) Landfill Closure present: Dave Therrien

- 1 Acre turtle management – maintained in perpetuity, Adjacent to State forest, CR on 1 acre not practicable. Add as annex to 12 ac?
- NHESP wants CR on 12 ac before conveyed
- DCR – check if problem w/ transfer
- Have draft Conservation Permit and Declaration of Restriction (same conditions as CR) – slow process
- Wants to avoid work during Oct 15 to Mar (outside turtle activity)
- Continued to 10/13/10 at 7:30PM

#### 7:38PM General

Clerk Position – B Robinson (Town Manager present)

- Denise's current position is \$15/hr. Personnel brd voted for \$13.50. Would be \$530 short. WI's fund has \$3k
- Could increase rate next year
- MP motion to make up difference from wl's fund – All in favor

Agent Position – B Robinson (Town Manager present)

- \$25/hr. Most not qualified – recommended person dropped out.
- BR spoke with Ashland about their Agent (40hr/week) about sharing. Ashland could cut 7hrs for Upton
- Selby is interested. Pay is \$40/hour + health ins costs
- Might need to make compromise
- Would be employee of Ashland, and Appointed for Upton and work for UCC
- Liability Insurance would be covered by Ashland
- Upton covers workman comp (not a big expense), mileage, medicare
- WL funds would cover 4hr/week now thru April
- UCC needs to look at available funds
- Would not have to go thru same search process as before

#### 7:55PM General

Sweetwilliams Farm

- Meeting with CPA on Oct 6
- Have written letter from owner of interest in pursuing Open Space purchase
- SVT or UCC could hold CR. May be better if town held it
- Need to budget CR defense Fund \$5-10k (legal action)
- SVT would probably want \$10-15k if they held it
- UCC could be a coholder – UCC secondary
- Some Land Trusts buy CR insurance
- UCC feels comfortable with SVT primary, UCC secondary

Land Stewardship

- Mowing Fields at Glen Echo \$300 in Oct
- Remove Telephone poles at Stefans \$200/ton

48 W Main St

- Incorrectly listed OOC. Needed letter from UCC so they could sell property. CS sent. No wl's on prop

85 Mechanic St

- CS sending out letter to invite owner to next meeting

Beaver Management

- NOI Advert needs to go out at least 8 days before hearing
- DCR will cover cost of Ad, UCC will invoice them

- Hearing scheduled @ 7:45 at next meeting
- TD requested possible Emergency Certificate to install new Beaver Deceiver
- 2 Staff Gauges installed by MP, MS, TD and Bill Taylor
- BR will follow up on Liability Insurance

196 West St

- Pool & Barn – No wl's. CS signed off building Permit

147 Mechanic St

- CS signed off building permit

Rt 140, Wildwood Lounge RFD

- Motion to sign negative determ – All in favor
- Silt fence and hay bales will be included as condition

**8:20PM General**

97 Crockett Rd

- Ok

Crosswinds Project

- All trees taken down, installing berms around edges & detention basins
- Plann Brd have any oversight?
- Has Crosswinds hired anyone to oversee?
- Site Visit – Sunday 9/26/10 @ 9AM – Plain St

**8:30PM Meeting Continued (to conclusion of Public Hearing)**

**Land Use Regs Public Hearing (Minutes recorded separately)**

**10:00PM Meeting Reopened**

Land Use Regs Discussion

- Consider hunting regulations when review new Open Space to prevent future problems. Future developments will require signage as needed
- Add signage to Open Space property. Land Stewardship Comm should GPS houses & 500' setback
- Suggest UCC purchase own GPS \$6-7k
- Cost of Safety Signs at 50ft apart (will need 30-40 signs)
- Need to be done before main hunting season (shotgun)
- UCC proposed statement:
  - o Appreciate everyone's comments
  - o No changes to regulations
  - o Post Safety Zone quickly
  - o Contact police and/or Environmental police of any infractions

**10:20PM Meeting Adjourned**

## Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Tom Dodd  
Re: Land Use Regs Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, 9/22/10

### Members Attending:

Tom Dodd, Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Scott Heim  
(Denise Smith)

### Meeting Timeline:

#### 8:30PM

- CS read public notice
- Proposed no hunting within 1000' of Glen Echo residential neighborhood in Howarth Conservation Area
- CS reviewed Meeting Agenda
- Will take comment letters under advisement and part of public record
- Glen Echo residents presented – primary concerns are safety for themselves and children, use of their property without having to worry about hunters in area. Have found recent shells and arrows very close to homes
- Tom O'Shea – Dept Wildlife & Fisheries presented
  - o Firearm / arrow discharge prohibited within 150' Road and 500' from occupied dwelling
  - o 500' circle around 1 home is 18acres
  - o 60% of state within setback; 40% of State Forests within setback
  - o Upton has 9500ac of 13900 ac (68%) within setback
  - o Safety Zone along 500' setback line
  - o Lyme Disease Management – Duxbury had high incidence of lyme disease and hunting used to manage
  - o 2 week Deer shotgun season is most popular
  - o Upton Deer Check Station
  - o No documented reports of illegal discharges to authorities
- Complaints of Safety Zone signs being torn down
- Hunter Safety Course required for new hunters (4 days ~2hrs each)
  - o State law requires for new license
  - o Voluntary instructor – International Hunter Assoc
  - o Backdrop – what is behind you
  - o Firearm ID card required
- Could post property line
- May be hearing Grafton Sportsmen Club rifle range
- Deer overpopulation destroys understory – recent articles
- Desired population = 15 deer / sq mile – Zone 10 has 25/sq mile
- In 2005, MA had highest incidence of Lyme disease
- Upton has had 288 accidents with deer in last 10 years
- Post safety Zone signs every 50'
- Discuss with police chief as to how to manage
- Open Space – don't restrict use to all users

**9:40PM      Meeting Adjourned**

## **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Clerk  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 10/13/10

### **Members Attending:**

Tom Dodd, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Sandy Lajoie, Tom Jango, Chris Scott (arrived at 8:35)

### **Meeting Timeline:**

#### **7:50PM NOI (continued) Landfill Closure present: Dave Therrien**

- Waiting for sign off for turtle habitat from Natural Heritage.
- Have draft Conservation Permit and Declaration of Restriction (same conditions as CR) – slow process – needs to be reviewed by the State's counsel.
- Continued to 10/27/10 at 7:30PM

#### **8:00PM NOI Southboro Rd Tom Dodd**

- Public Hearing opened.
- NOI being completed as part of Habitat Management Plan for endangered species
- Waiting for info from Natural Heritage
- Getting estimate for work to be performed prior to installing beaver deceiver. 1) lower deceiver on north side of Southboro Rd; 2) remove deceiver or blockage within deceiver on south side of Southboro Rd; 3) structure near CCC way to be lowered in preparation for installation of 4 pipe beaver deceiver
- Also, may be necessary for contractor to have a police detail while working near the road
- Hearing continued 10/27/10.

#### **8:15PM Kiwanis Beach Discussion Mary Cortese, Recreation Director**

- Proposing to build a 20' x 35' covered pavilion (on concrete slab) next to the Ramsey Building to be used for a variety of activities including Kids at Play program
- Would be approximately 60' from the waters edge
- 4 trees would need to be removed
- Possible that Blackstone Valley Tech would build, Fall 2011
- Need to file NOI, need sketch showing location of the building and pond – UCC can help
- Town Wetland Bylaw would apply.

#### **8:20PM 85 Mechanic St Discussion Gina Letteri**

- Discussion about manure management and possible reported possible wetland violations
- MS will visit property to look at manure pit location in relation to wetlands
- Barn is 200' from wetlands
- Horses venturing into the wetlands? Fenced (existed before bought property) to keep horses out
- Manure pit is emptied 3 – 4 times per year
- Chicken coop (shed) (>100' from wetlands) will require a permit from Building
- MP will draft letter indicating there are no problems (after MS verifies manure pit location on visit)
- Received photos of property

#### **8:40PM 166/168 South St – drainage issues Ben Soucy**

- New drainage system installed at 166 South St impacting property at 168 South
- Location has been a continual problem w/ water and ice in the winter
- Vegetated WL across Street
- UCC jurisdiction is < 100' from wl's
- RFD may be filed

#### **9:00 PM Land Regulations discussion**

- PH was held 9/22/10; hearing closed 9/22/10
- Discussion by members
- CS – no change to existing regulations; supports signage on Open Space land; and require new developments to post signs as part of the approval process
- TD – signs at 500' zone
- SL – safety concerns for residents and hunters

- MS – concerns that the residents of Glen Echo were outnumbered and didn't get fair chance to completely present their concerns
- TJ – state laws are fine
- MP – no incidents w/ 500' zone; gave the abutters an opportunity to present their case and express their concerns
- MP presented draft of proposed decision that will be sent to abutters, state, presenters, BOS, Town Crier, website.
- Motion of CS not to change existing land use regulation; seconded SL. Approved 5-0; 1 abstention
- Land Stewardship looking at signs for posting at the 500' buffer zone on the Howarth Conservation Land

#### **9:20PM General**

- Meeting minutes for 9/7/10, 9/22/10 (reg meeting) and 9/22/10 public hearing approved

Land Stewardship

- Mowing Fields at Glen Echo \$300 in Oct

- Concerns about vandalism at Warren Brook and Stefans property (bench & nest box)

Sweet William Farm

- CPC hearing on 10/6/10; CPC voted to support and present at STM in November

- Discussion at next BOS meeting on 10/19/10

- Expect LAND grant before town meeting

Agent's position

- Still interested in sharing position w/ another town

- Ashland was interested but would require that we commit to 7 hours per week

- Currently not enough work for 7 hrs/week

- Looking to hire at \$25/hr for 2-3 hours per week for remainder of FY11 but would require a warrant article for STM in November for \$3500 to cover this

- Wait until ATM in May for an article for money and more hours to possibly share an agent w/ another town for the next fiscal year

- Members discussed possibility of hiring a consultant for a couple hour per week or on-call basis

- Also discussed that for the remainder of FY11 the Con Com members share the responsibility for reviewing projects

- Motion - Members voted 6 – 0 not to put an article requesting \$3500 on the upcoming STM warrant

#### **9:50PM Pending Concerns**

4 Westboro Rd

- CS sending letter

Fresco's – started clearing but has stopped

SUASCO – training in spring? OS or FUSF

Elm St park

- seedling problem which is delaying planting of shrubs

#### **9:55 PM Active Sites**

- Motion to accept COC for 2 Dairy Dr, and 9 Merriam Way –All in favor

- Kenneth Village – MP will draft letter

#### **10:00PM Meeting Adjourned**

# Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Clerk  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 10/27/10

## Members Attending:

Tom Dodd, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Chris Scott, Scott Heim

## Meeting Timeline:

## 7:45PM      NOI (continued)      Landfill Closure

- No new info thus continued to 11/10/10 at 7:30PM

7:46PM

NOI

## Southboro Rd

Tom Dodd

- Public Hearing opened.
- NOI being completed as part of Habitat Management Plan for endangered species
- Letter rec'd from Natural Heritage.
- DEP response to NOI.
- Estimate received from Tim Davidson for \$1872 to 1) lower deceiver on north side of Southboro Rd; 2) remove deceiver or blockage within deceiver on south side of Southboro Rd; 3) structure near CCC way to be lowered in preparation for installation of 4 pipe beaver deceiver. Estimate also includes cost for police detail.
- Estimate of \$809 was received from Skip Hillaker of the Beaver Remedies Program to install a 4-pipe beaver deceiver once the above listed work is completed by T. Davidson.
- Discussed possibility of trapping the beavers to keep population down.
- Discussed maintenance of the beaver deceivers once installed, who performs and how often. Currently someone from the Humane Society is checking/clearing the deceivers. This is probably done twice a year.
- Discussed need to create a policy for beaver management.
- NOI Hearing closed 10/27/10.
- Motion was made and approved to hire Tim Davidson and Skip Hillaker to perform the necessary work at Southboro Rd and to install the 4-pipe beaver deceiver. Expenditure was approved.

8:25PM General

- Meeting minutes for 10/13/10 approved.
- Filing Chart – TD still working on.
- **Land Stewardship** - Mowing @ Stefans property has been done.
- **Sweet William Farm** - LAND grant has been approved for \$500,000! Petition to call a town meeting for SWF are being finalized; language will be review by Town Counsel. Sudbury Valley Trust (SVT) is accepting donations for the “Friends of SWF”.
- JBR - possibly at 11/10/10 meeting. CS will contact.
- JR Cobb request for endorsement letter re: erosion control. Consensus seems to be too soon to tell.
- Concern from resident at 91 Grove re: debris in the brook from Cross Winds. TJ visited site and determined no debris is getting into the brook. Erosion controls are working and look good.
- Concern from resident at 76 Mendon St re: beaver dam flood their property. CS will contact.

8:45PM Pending Concerns

- 3 Merriam Way – NOI still open; No current activity – hold for now.
- Goss Pond
- Beaver management
- Fresco's – nothing new happening.
- Invasive plants – spring.
- 12-16 Main – filing still open.
- 85 Mechanic St – MS visited, original manure pile to be removed no issue w/ wetlands. Letter to be issued upon follow-up.

- Lot 15 Howarth Dr – new owner looking for info on trails. MS will contact.
- 117 Hopkinton Rd – OOC from 2009 in file DS will contact potential owner.

**EO** - 4 Westboro Rd – letter was sent from Con Com; her attorney is checking into permits.

**8:50 PM      Active Sites**

- 9 Cider Mill Ln – septic; COC signed tonight.
- 8 Old Grafton Rd bounds need to be shown delineating wetlands relative to the house. As-Built plan needed for file.
- Glen Echo As-Built plans submitted

No meeting will be held the Wednesday (11/24/10) before Thanksgiving.  
Friends of SWF request for letter from Con Com in support of trails grant.

**9:15PM      Meeting Adjourned**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission  
Cc: Upton Town Clerk  
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Clerk  
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 11/10/10

### **Members Attending:**

Tom Dodd, Mike Penko, Marcella Stasa, Tom Jango, Chris Scott, Scott Heim, Sandy Lajoie

### **Meeting Timeline:**

#### **7:30PM      NOI (continued)      Landfill Closure      Dave Therrien**

- Tentative agreement w/ Natural Heritage on permit.
- Upton Development Group (UDG) to fund \$30,000 study on wood turtles; money to go into escrow and be used also for a turtle habitat; ultimately DCR will maintain the habitat.
- Deed to the state owned parcels will have language that these parcels must maintain the natural state of the land – no development will be allowed (CR not needed).
- Further update on 12/8/10 at 7:30 pm.

#### **7:45PM      Discussion of Disc (Frisbee) Golf at Kiwanis Beach      Rec Com**

- Dave Adams and Mike Bertrand.
- Proposal for an 18-“hole” disc/Frisbee golf course to be laid out on land to the left of the Ramsey Building and behind the softball field.
- Course can be built to fit the area with minimal disturbance; no clear cutting, cut new growth and small trees less than 3” in diameter.
- Need to determine areas of Conservation Land and what restrictions are on this land.
- Need an RFD and perhaps an NOI.

#### **8:10PM      General**

##### **OSC**

- Met w/ Planning Board on Open Space Recreation Plan.
- PB approved to provide CMRPC services for 4 hours to review plan.

##### **LS**

- Clearing @ Glen Echo field site in order to keep area maintained.
- Hunting zone signs have been posted per previous discussions.

##### **SWF**

- Signatures being collected for petition to call for article to be placed on town meeting warrant.
- Walk planned @ SWF on Sunday 11/14/10.
- Capital Budget Committee (CBC) is reviewing the appraisals and will determine if another appraisal is needed, if so Con Com/OS will pay. CBC is meeting on 11/22/10 – MP will attend.
- Motion to authorize up to \$6500 for additional appraisal if needed. Con Com will recommend that a review appraisal be conducted and not a full appraisal. Vote 7 – 0 to approve.

##### **Finances**

- Current vouchers signed.

##### **Hartford Ave S – State Forest Land**

- Drainage issue CS drafting a letter to DCR for BOS/Town Manager to send.

#### **9:10PM      Pending Concerns**

##### **Beaver Management**

- Tim Davidson has performed work as contracted at Southboro Rd.
- Skip Hillaker has installed the beaver deceiver.
- Seems to be working on lowering water but need to develop plan for long-term; need to visit dams and knock them back at least until ice forms at which times beavers become less active.
- TD discussed installing fencing along the culvert although not sure how effective.
- TJ discussed possibility of purchasing a dozen traps and obtaining permits for trapping from BOH.

- Motion was made authorize \$250 to hire Tim Davidson to remove the small dams as needed until freeze. In the mean time get opinion of Skip Hillaker on fencing to see if it works; also check w/ DCR to see what is being done in other active beaver areas. Trapping is still an option. Vote was 6 – approved and 1 – opposed.
- CS working on OOC for Southboro Rd site.

#### **85 Mechanic St**

- MS has visited site and still waiting for original manure pile to be removed. Letter will be issued once this is done. She has spoken w/ the owner.

#### **8:50 PM Active Sites**

- 8 Old Grafton Rd bounds need to be shown delineating wetlands relative to the house. As-Built plan needed for file. Spoke w/ Dave Therrien to see if he can assist in getting this done.
- Glen Echo As-Built plan – to discuss at next meeting on 12/8/10.

No meeting will be held the Wednesday (11/24/10) before Thanksgiving.

Friends of SWF request for letter from Con Com in support of trails grant.

#### **9:30PM Meeting Adjourned**

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