

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

March 19, 2009

Sherborn Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Michael Lesser (Acting Chair), George Pucci (8:10-9:30), Andrea Stiller, Carl Shedd, Rob Eckert, Bridget Graziano (Administrator), Alycia Goody (7:45)

Members Absent: Steve Gaskin (Chair)

Associate Members Present: Jean Bednor, Eliot Taylor

Guests: Bob Bois (Natick Town Compliance Officer), Susan Taylor, Joyce Hastings, Dick Cugini (Superintendent, Natick Park and Recreation Dept.), Martha White (Natick Town Administrator), Pete Meagher (Sassamon Trace), David Stowe (Sterling Golf Maintenance Director), Bob Barnacle (Sterling Golf Superintendent), Jonathan Dowse, Joe Nihill

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Discussion #1- Bob Bois- Sassamon Golf Course Sampling Round for November 2008

The Sassamon Trace representatives asked the Commission to consider reducing the frequency of mandatory testing of ground and surface water and sediment on the Sherborn side of the golf course to every three years instead of annually to coincide with the Natick Conservation Commission's testing requirements. They also reported that they are trying to obtain Massachusetts Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary certification for the Golf Course.

Sassamon requested approval of two chemicals already on the original approved products list in the addendum to the OOC (Heritage and Daconil) for use during the 2009 season. It was moved and seconded to approve the use of these chemicals. The motion passed unanimously.

Sassamon also requested the use of two new chemicals (Primo Maxx and EcoGuard) that are not on the approved list. After discussion, Dick Cugini agreed to submit additional information needed for the evaluation of these new herbicides.

Regarding the request to modify the testing frequency, there was unanimous agreement among Commission members that there was insufficient bases and information provided to justify such a change. It was noted that the Commission might need some technical support for making such a decision. The issue of whether the specific annual tests could be changed was brought up and that additional information and discussion would be needed to consider such changes. The discussion then ended so that an advertised public hearing could begin at its scheduled time..

Public Hearing #1- Continued 57 Maple Street in Ground Pool GLM Engineering Consultants

Michael opened the hearing with the submission of the green cards, which GLM Engineering provided to the Administrator. Joe Nihill of GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc. presented the proposal on behalf of the applicant, Peter Devellis. Rob stated that he would like to know if a test pit was dug for the pool to determine the depth to groundwater and what would be the dewatering plan if needed. The Commission agreed that they needed to see a dewatering plan included on the plans. The Commission asked if the pool would be emptied for the winter months. Mr. Nihill would check with the pool contractor. It was stated that Mr. Nihill should add a plan for water removal, if ever needed. Michael requested additional erosion control along the driveway both by the house and over the culvert. The Commission agreed that straw bales would be used on-site and that the Administrator would be notified for a pre-construction meeting to check erosion control before construction begins. It was requested that the applicant submit a revised plan with a dewatering plan, additional erosion control, and a plan for removal of water from the pool. It was moved, seconded and accepted unanimously to continue this hearing to the next meeting, with the consent of the applicant.

Public Hearing #2- Continued Changes to the Sherborn Regulations

Michael opened the hearing. The Commission discussed definitions and fees. Michael moved to continue the hearing to the next meeting. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Discussion #2- Working with Susan Tyler on renovating the Barber Reservation Barn

Susan Tyler presented her interest in working on renovating the Barber Reservation Barn. She suggested that funding could come from Adessa as part of its contributions to the Town related to Western Avenue. Commissioners noted that the Commission had limited staff resources to pursue the funding and details for a renovation and that she should coordinate with others in Town who has expressed similar interest. The Commission would be happy to work with interested volunteers working on such a plan and its funding.

Discussion #3- New Member Planning

George is running for a Board of Selectmen seat that if elected will start in May. The Commission will soon advertise for a new member.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved to accept the minutes of December 17th, 2008. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Michael moved to accept the minutes of February 26th, 2009 with all the discussed edits. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

The Commission discussed having a retroactive vote to waive the 14 day submission requirement for the hearing on CM & D. The Commission agreed that at March 5, 2009 special meeting for CM&D, that Bridget did make the Commission aware that the plans for CM&D Garage were not submitted before the required 14 day mark. At this time, the Commission agreed to open and start the hearing even in light of the late plan submission to the Commission. Therefore, the Commission agreed there was no need to have a retroactive vote to waive the 14 day required plan submission date.

The minutes from the special meeting of March 5th, 2009 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Administrator's Report

- Timeframe for administrator start completing all or most of the RDAs and C of C, collaborate with Joyce
- 136 Western Ave- cutting trees in the buffer zone of a pond and associated wetland
- 324 Western Ave- meeting with Dr. Sullivan concerning Chapter 61 Forest Management
- Outreach for Lawn Care -Sherborn Conservation Commission will be working with Sherborn Garden Club to get a speaker on Healthy Lawn Care- January 13th, 2010 at Sherborn Library.
- Letter from Mr. Knapp's lawyer cancelling the scheduled visit to 111 Coolidge Street, due to spring ground conditions- Possible issuance of Enforcement Order and/or invite Mr. Knapp to the next meeting, if Commission plans to discuss the subject further.
- Re-sign the 74 Bullard Certificate of Compliance
- Questions on CM&D Garage Edits, Dan Merrikin would like submitted next week
- Bailey's Trail Sign language for Ted Ouelett Eagle Scout

Approval of Determinations of Applicability

The following Determinations will be reviewed at the March 19th meeting. Based on the recommendations of the Agent, the determinations will be signed and approved by the Commission:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Finding</u>
22 Great Rock Road	Soil Testing	NEG
18 Lake Street	Replacement of Deck	NEG 3
20 Whitney Drive	Replacement Septic System	NEG 3

Submitted Applications

67 Brush Hill Road - Submitted for a Certificate of Compliance for a proposed deck and addition to the house: The Administrator noticed wetland violations during site visit and will not give the Certificate of Compliance until remediation is completed. A violation notice will be given by the Administrator to complete the remediation. The owner has agreed to plant 5 native shrubs in the exact location where the invasive plants were removed. Also, the property owner understands that all resource areas and associated buffer zone should be left to revegetate.

Farm Pond Reservation, Lake Street - applied for an Extension for Order of Conditions. Bridget will meet with the Dan Keyes to discuss putting together a plan for the extension, to present to the Commission before extending the Order of Conditions.

Adjournment: There being no other business to attend to, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 P.M. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Trainor
Minutes Clerk

Cc: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Forest, Town Counsel, Sherborn Library, Advisory Committee, D/S Press, Zoning Board of Appeals, Sherborn Garden Club, Forest & Trail Assoc., Assessor, Groundwater Protection Committee, Farm Pond Advisory Committee