

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

June 3, 2010

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Steve Gaskin, Michael Lesser, Rob Eckert (Chair), Will Willis, Susan Tyler, Bridget Graziano (Agent/Administrator)

Members Absent: Carl Shedd, Andrea Stiller

Guests: Melissa Bowman, George Fiske, Chad Thompson, Pat and Nancy Teti

Call to Order: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Discussion 1- Request for Determinations

See Determinations below.

Discussion 2- Maintenance of Hidden Meadow and Schoolhouse Lot for FY10 & 11

The Commission discussed maintaining Hidden Meadow with George Fiske. Bridget explained that she met with Patrick Keene and George Fiske to obtain a cost on mowing the fields with a flail mower. George Fiske thought Hidden Meadow cannot be mowed before August 15th under the Conservation Restriction. Rob asked for the language to be reviewed and brought to the next meeting for review. Rob also asked if one of the Commission members would like to prepare a presentation for short term management of this land for the next meeting, the goal would be to determine what could be done this year with our unexpended expense funds, any work of course would be subject to compliance with the Conservation Restriction, Will Willis agreed to help with this effort. The Commission will take no action at this time regarding the Hidden Meadow.

The Commission discussed the maintenance of and improvements to Schoolhouse Lot on Western Avenue. The Commission discussed the possibility of soliciting help from Jonathan Hodson-Walker since the parcel is in such close proximity to his property. No action will be taken at this time regarding the Schoolhouse Lot.

Bridget was asked to provide a copy of the conservation restriction for Hidden Meadow (a.k.a The Darcy Wilson Property) to the Commission.

Discussion 3- 34 McGregor Drive

Bridget presented the findings of the Agent and Rob Eckert at the recent site visits last week. Rob asked that Bridget send a letter to the Derr's asking them to request an amendment to the Order of Conditions and explain the proper procedure for a change to the approved plans. Bridget was asked to draft letter for signature by Chair.

Discussion # 4 – 99 Coolidge Street

Rob explained to the Teti's that he believes they are not required to file a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for landscaping work on their property because it is not specifically required by any State and/or Town (e.g. building department and Board of Health) regulations. An RDA could be filed to ensure that work is not in a wetlands-related area, but since the Agent determined that wetlands are not present within approximately 250' of the entire property as recently as November 2008 the presumption would be that any work would be outside of our jurisdiction. If the Teti's need to file with Town departments that require Conservation approval, then they will have to file an RDA, as required by the Town bylaws.

Approval of Minutes Michael moved to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes with the edits as discussed. This was seconded and accepted unanimously. Vote (4-0). Susan abstained because she had left the meeting that night at 7:35PM.

Agent/Administrator's Report

- Framingham resident's, Thomas Bleser sent an email to Sherborn Conservation and the Town Administrator regarding the General Chemical Corporation - Rob agreed to draft a letter with Dan Keyes and Town Counsel's approval to send to the Framingham resident.. Bridget confirmed that the Framingham BOH is the point of contact on the clean up project during a recent conversation with the Framingham Conservation Agent.
- June 10, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting @ 9:35PM for 237 Washington Street– please attend regarding possibly legal action related to a wetlands violation. The Commission agreed that Rob and Michael would attend.
- Federal Grant for Storm water at Farm Pond letter of support – Bridget asked the Commission if they would be willing to sign and draft a support letter to the state supporting the Board of Selectmen to apply for the Section 319 Non-point Source Pollution Grant. The grant would support 60% funding and 40% would need to be funded by the Town There was discussion related to what items we would be in support of, the Commission agreed that we were in support of all of the projects that have been done to date, but would need to consider future

projects individually on a case by case basis. Rob agreed to draft the support letter requested by the Town.

Approval of Determinations

The following Determinations were reviewed. Based on the recommendations of the Agent and meeting discussion, the Determinations were approved and signed by the Commission:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Findings</u>
52 Greenwood Street	proposes to install an addition to existing garage	NEGATIVE 3 vote 5-0
161 North Main Street	Transfer Station proposes to cement existing equipment shelter floor	NEGATIVE 3 vote 5-0
26 Woodland Street	Installation of new well	NEGATIVE 3 Vote 5-0

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget R. Graziano
Conservation Agent/Administrator

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