

## Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET  
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

August 19, 2010

Sherborn Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Steve Gaskin, Andrea Stiller, Michael Lesser, Susan Tyler, and Bridget Graziano (Administrator/Agent)

Members Absent: Robert Eckert, Will Willis

Guests: Joseph Philips, Paul Truax

Call to Order: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:34.

Motion to Approve Amended Agenda: Steve moved that the Commission accept the amendments to the meeting minutes posted. This was seconded and voted unanimously 4-0.

### Request for Determinations

41 Old Orchard Road: (Applicant proposes to complete soil testing in 50-100' buffer zone of a freshwater wetland.) Determination was continued from August 5, 2010. No one was present to represent the applicant. After discussion of possible alternative locations for the septic system, Michael Lesser moved that the determination be continued to allow the Applicant's representative to attend to address questions relative to alternative locations for the septic system, the motion was seconded by Steve Gaskin and was approved 4-0. Bridget Graziano noted that the Applicant had granted permission for a continuance through a signed 21 day waiver

43 Bear Hill Road: (Applicant proposes to perform soil testing and septic system replacement.) No one was present to represent the applicant. Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the negative recommendation of the Agent. This was seconded by (Mr. Lesser) and approved 4-0.

46 North Main Street: (Applicant proposes to construct an addition) No one was present to represent the applicant. Ms. Graziano stated that there are no wetland resources within 200 feet

of the project site and recommended a negative determination. Steve moved to accept the negative recommendation of the Agent. Andrea Stiller seconded and the motion was approved 4-0.

14 Brook Street: (Applicant proposes to abandon old well and drill new well)

No one was present to represent the applicant. Ms. Graziano stated that there are no wetlands are present and recommended a negative determination. Steve moved to accept the negative determination of the Agent. This was seconded and approved 4-0.

36 Ivy Lane: (Applicant proposes to construct a porch.) No one was present to represent the applicant. Ms. Graziano noted that the construction is 125 feet from bordering vegetated wetland and recommended a negative determination. Steve moved to accept the negative determination. This was seconded and voted 4-0.

32 Mill Street: (Applicant proposes to construct a porch.) No one was present to represent the applicant. Ms. Graziano noted that bordering vegetated wetland is present on the property but is over 300 feet from the limit of work and recommended a negative determination. Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the negative determination of the Agent. This was seconded and approved 4-0.

### Public Hearings

#### Public Hearing 1- GLM Engineering for 194 Maple Street septic system

Paul Truax of GLM Engineering Consultants appeared before the Commission to represent the applicant Joan Twining. He stated that the septic is an innovative system (GeoFlow) and that they were limited to the proposed site because of the high groundwater present in other locations on the property. The Commission discussed the proposal. Mr. Lesser stated that the project met the WPA performance standards in 310 CMR 10.55 and Sherborn Wetlands Regulations Section 10; the project with the enhancements will be a net improvement for the wetlands because the buffer zone is previously altered lawn; and the applicant was offering mitigation for trees removed for the project. Based on these findings, Steve moved to approve the project with the following conditions: (a) removal of brush and cleaning of debris, (b) hand installation of native plantings in three enhancement areas, (c) survival of 75% of plantings for two years, and (d) revised plan submitted. Mr. Lesser seconded and the motion was approved 4-0.

### Discussions

#### Discussion 1- 20 Jackson Road request to Amend plans under an approved Order of Conditions

The approved location for a paved driveway will be relocated. The applicant is requesting to amend the approved plans associated with the Order of Conditions. The Commission discussed this change. Mr. Lesser moved that the change is minor because there will be less impervious surface, there will be no increased impact on the wetland area, and the applicant still proposes to complete all original planned mitigation. Steve seconded and the Commission voted 4-0. Mr. Lesser then motioned to approve the minor change as depicted on the proposed plans minus the proposed removal of 10 trees from the buffer zone. Ms. Stiller seconded and the Commission voted 4-0. The Agent was asked to complete a site visit to review the proposed tree removal and

whether or not the trees are hazardous. The applicant and representatives were asked to return to the next public meeting to discuss the tree removal, after the Agent's site visit. The applicant's representative shall draft a final plan reflecting on the Commission approvals of the minor change to approved plans. All new approved plans shall be recorded in the corresponding folder as stated under the Sherborn Regulations 5.8.1 Minor Changes.

#### Discussion 2- 9 Ward Lane

The Commission discussed grass clippings on this property and how this wetland area is used by an abutter to dump landscaping debris. Ms. Graziano stated that she had drafted a general letter to homeowners along the wetland area regarding this issue, asking them to cease and desist dumping of grass clipping into wetland.

#### Discussion 3- Course Brook Farm Horse Trails and Repair to Bridge

Susan Tyler thought the Commission should invite the Mayo's to the next meeting to discuss the repair to the bridge.

#### Discussion 4 – Designate a member to work on public outreach

Ms. Graziano stated that she would like to send out articles and fliers to the public. Steve and Michael stated that they would review these items once Ms. Graziano sends them to the Commission.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of August 5, 2010 were reviewed and edited. Mr. Gaskin moved to approve them as amended. This was seconded and approved 4-0. Meeting minutes of the Special Meeting on August 12, 2010 were reviewed and edited. Mr. Gaskin moved to approve them as amended. This was seconded and approved 4-0.

#### Administrator/Agent Report

- September/October meeting: Ms. Graziano stated that there will be only one October meeting because she will be on vacation for the first week of October.
- Search for new member: The Commission discussed the new member search.
- 46 Greenwood issued Enforcement Order- The new house construction project was issued a negative 3 determination. Ms. Graziano stated that she noticed that the erosion controls looked brand new when she went by the site. She also noted that there was soil and gravel on two sides of the vernal habitat zone and that the previous erosion controls were run over. She spoke with the Applicant David Parrish about issuing an enforcement order requiring remediation work to the buffer zone. The Commission agreed that the enforcement order would be appropriate and should include the following conditions: (a) submittal of a plan for native plantings of which 75 percent must survive for two years before enforcement order removed, (b) cease any altering activities in buffer zone vernal pool habitat, (c) remove all fill material using hand tools only, (d) seeding and

stabilization of the affected area, and (e) submittal of a restoration plan prior to September 15, 2010 to be approved at a September meeting. The Commission asked Ms. Graziano to add a deadline for planting of vegetation once the Commission approves the planting plan and agreed that the Agent shall have the authority to approve plant species proposed for vegetation plan, if necessary.

- BOS meeting on 8/26/10 at 8:30 pm to discuss Mr. Michaud's request for filing fee refund; The Commission asked Bridget to send them the first Michaud's letter to town counsel as well as Rob Eckert's response letter that was previously approved by the Commission. She stated that she would send it and appear at the BOS meeting with Commission members.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Trainor  
Minutes Clerk

Documents Presented at the August 19, 2010 Public Meeting

1. “Proposed Sewage Disposal System 194 Maple Street Sherborn, MA” by GLM Engineering Consultants, dated July 19, 2010, revised August 19, 2010 to be kept in the file with the corresponding address.
2. “Proposed Site Plan for 20 Jackson Road, Sherborn, MA” by GLM Engineering Consultants, dated September 27, 2009, revised October 16, 2009, and new edits proposed on August 19, 2010 (hand drawn) to be kept in file for the corresponding address.
3. Draft letter to Mr. Abbett of 9 Ward Land, regarding Agent site visit to be kept in file for corresponding address.
4. Photographs of “bridge” repair over tributary to Course Brook at Course Brook Farm, taken by Agent Bridget Graziano to be kept in file for the corresponding address.