

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

December 5, 2013

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Steve Gaskin (Chair), Michael Lesser, Kelly McClintock, Andrea Stiller and Bridget Graziano (Conservation Agent / Administrator)

Absent Members: Alex Dowse, Julia Jacobson, Jessica Pettit

Guests: Ms. Susan Tyler, Mr. Elliot Taylor, Mr. Ronald Phabadin, Mr. Richard Juliani, Mr. George Shaw

Mr. Gaskin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Topics added to the meeting agenda as not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

- General Chemical, Framingham
- Budget of the Commission

Mr. Gaskin moved to amend the Meeting Agenda. Mr. Lesser seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

59 North Main Street - Proposal to perform soil testing

Mr. Juliani and Mr. Phabadin were present as the applicants. The Agent presented the applicants' proposal to perform soil testing. She recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6) be issued by the Commission as there were no wetland resources within 100-feet of the project site. However, she noted that there had been clearing recently completed on the property and that unpermitted clearing had taken place within the Commission's jurisdiction. The Agent explained the location and distance to the wetland resource, and then suggested that she work with Mr. Juliani to mark out the area and complete remediation during development of the lot. If the lot is not developed the Commission will issue an enforcement order for the violation. Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the Agent's recommendation of a Negative Determination. Ms. Stiller seconded the motion and it was voted to approve 4-0.

5 Maple Street - Proposal to replace the existing distribution box

No one was present to represent the applicant. The Agent presented the applicant's proposal to replace the existing distribution box. She recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6) be issued by the Commission as wetland resources were not present within 100 feet of the limit of work for the proposed project. Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the Agent's recommendation. Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

27 Oldfield Drive - Proposal to replace the existing distribution box

No one was present to represent the applicant. The Agent presented the applicant's proposal to replace the existing distribution box. She recommended a Negative Determination (Negative 1, Negative 4, Negative 6) be issued by the Commission as wetland resources were not present within 100 feet of the limit of work for the proposed project. Mr. Gaskin moved to accept the Agent's recommendation. Ms. Stiller seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Certificates of Compliance - None

Approval of Meeting Minutes**Meeting Minutes of October 17th, 2013**

Mr. McClintock moved to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Gaskin seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Meeting Minutes of November 7th, 2013

Mr. McClintock moved to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Gaskin seconded and it was voted to approve 3-0-1, Mr. Lesser abstaining.

Meeting Minutes of November 14th, 2013

Mr. Lesser moved to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Gaskin seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Discussions**Discussion #1- Pine Hill Emergency Access Road**

Mr. Gaskin reported on findings of the new access road during a rain storm. His photos taken of the access road after a rainfall were reviewed. Water drainage and erosion in the area was discussed. It was noted that this area of erosion was not within Commission jurisdiction for wetland issues.

Discussion #2 237 Washington Street Order of Conditions DEP 283-0352

The discussion will be postponed until the next meeting.

- Reimbursement of Michael Lesser for MACC conference
- WB Mason Printer Ink

Conservation Administrator / Agent Report

- **Set up the next meeting time to discuss regulations** - The Agent confirmed the meeting on the date of December 9th.
- **Deer Outreach program in March 10th / 24th** - The Agent asked when the Commission is available for a public forum on Deer Hunting to collaborate with the Wildlife Management Committee. She noted that the Committee hopes to invite David Stainbrook of Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, Tom Rawinski of US Forest Service, Barbara Roth-Schechter, Dover Lyme Committee Chair, and Michele Grzenda, Weston Conservation Agent.
- **Report on the General Chemical / GES presentation about groundwater contamination in Framingham and Sherborn** - At a meeting on November 13th in Framingham, Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) presented an update of their findings, including data collected from locations in Framingham and Sherborn. A PowerPoint presentation, "The Data Gap Action Plan Report," was given and contained a summary of the results of this additional assessment and groundwater testing. The information and data suggests that there may be preferential flow pathways from the GCC Release Site into Sherborn. Any member of the public may direct comments and questions to GES or to General Chemical, which is responsible for the cleanup of the contamination. The Commission decided that it would submit comments on the Data Gap Report in writing. Andrea Stiller would draft comments with the Agent and submit them before the deadline of December 13, 2013.

Budget discussions

The Commission discussed alternative budgets for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Gaskin moved to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Ms. Stiller seconded and it was voted to approve 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Browning Mitchell
Minutes Clerk

Documents Presented at the December 5, 2013 Public Meeting

(All documents are retained in the Conservation Commission Office.)

No documents were presented at this meeting.

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