

# Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET  
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

February 5, 2015

Sherborn Town Hall

7:00 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

**Members Present:** Alex Dowse, Steve Gaskin, Michael Lesser, Kelly McClintock, Carol McGarry, Jessica Pettit, Bridget Graziano (Conservation Agent/ Administrator), Kaitlyn Kutzer (Administrative Assistant)

**Members Absent:** Andrea Stiller

**Guests:** Mikhail Deychman

Mr. Gaskin called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Mr. Gaskin asked for any items not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours of the meeting. There were none.

## **Determinations**

### **139 Woodland Street- Proposal to perform soil testing**

No one was present to represent the applicant. The Agent presented the proposal to perform soil testing. She recommended waiting for the snow to clear to the point that the site can be properly assessed for distances to wetland resources, which have been recognized to be present on the property. The Agent noted that the applicant submitted a 21 day waiver with the application. Mr. Gaskin continued the determination to February 19, 2015.

**Ms. McGarry arrived at 7:09, and Ms. Pettit arrived at 7:10.**

## **Public Hearings**

**Public Hearing #1 - (Continued from 7/17/14, 8/21/14, 9/4/14, 11/20/14, 12/4/14, 12/18/14, 1/15/15 meeting) 2-4 North Main Street SLB-15-02 for a proposal to construct age restricted units, grading and landscaping, and well water line**

Mr. Gaskin opened the hearing at 7:30 PM. The Agent explained that she spoke with the applicant to discuss the availability of the peer reviewers for their attendance at the public hearing. She also noted that she spoke with the applicant's engineer who agreed with addressing

the Agent's comments in a revised plan. The Commission also discussed how the Order of Conditions (OOC) will be organized, such as one for the subdivision and one for the buildings in the buffer zone. She suggested continuing the meeting to February 19 in order to invite the peer reviewers. Mr. Gaskin moved to continue the hearing at 7:30 PM on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ms. Pettit seconded and it was voted to approve 6-0.

### **Discussions**

#### **Discussion #1 - 185 Woodland Street (DEP#283-0344) Request to amend Order of Conditions**

Mr. Mikhail Deychman was present as the applicant's representative and presented the proposed amendments to the original approved plan under the Order of Conditions DEP #283-03444. He explained that the footprint of the proposed single family dwelling in the new plan is now larger in the outer 50-100' buffer zone; however, the area of the driveway (an impervious surface) in the buffer zone has been decreased. Therefore, the overall impervious surface within the 50' - 100' buffer zone will be less than originally approved under the Order of Conditions. Mr. Gaskin moved that the amendment was a minor change to the Order of Conditions, and it was approved 5-0-1, with Ms. Pettit abstaining.

Mr. Gaskin moved to approve the requested amendment to the OOC as there is a net reduction of resulting would result in a net reduction of impervious surface in the buffer zone and to add the amended plan titled, "Proposed Disposal System" dated 1/15/15 to the Order of Conditions DEP #283-0344. Mr. Lesser seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0-1, with Ms. Pettit abstaining.

#### **Discussion #2 - Forest Stewardship Project at Barber Reservation**

The loggers are moving forward with the forest management work and will be moving to clearing along the stone walls shortly. Mr. McClintock stated that some Tupelo or Sweet Gum (*Nyssa sylvantica*) trees were found at the site by Betsy Johnston and as many as possible will be preserved.

The Agent submitted an amendment to the original DCR Forest Stewardship Grant Application. The proposed amendment to the original grant was to request additional matching funds from DCR (with additional funds needed from the town) for additional work to be completed under the Forestry Stewardship Plan. This would include stump removal, additional brush clear along fields, and invasive species removal as well as potential additional logging. This would increase the project from a total of \$9,471 with a DCR match of \$4,735, to a total budget of \$13,325 with a DCR match of \$6,663. She is waiting for a response regarding whether or not the amendments were received and approved.

#### **Discussion #3 - Review of Annual Report and Vote**

The Commission reviewed the annual report. Mr. McClintock moved to approve the report, as amended. Mr. Gaskin seconded and it was voted to approve 6-0.

#### **Discussion #4 – 59 North Main Street Request Review of ANRAD fee**

An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation was submitted on December 8, 2014 for the property 59 North Main Street. At the public hearing that took place on December 18, 2014, the applicants requested that the Commission reconsider reducing the fee required for this process. The applicant was charged \$3 per linear foot for the boundary delineation of the wetlands, as required by the Sherborn Town Bylaw. The Agent recommended that the Commission amend the regulations to be same as the state of \$2 per linear foot with a maximum of \$2000 for the delineation. Mr. Gaskin moved that the fee be adjusted to \$2 per linear foot with a maximum of \$ 2000 for this project. Mr. McClintock seconded. The Commission intends to amend the bylaw to parallel the state filing fees for this process.

### **Discussion #5 – Sassamon Trace for Request for Proposal for IPM and Organics**

The Agent stated that Bob Bois and Pete Meagher from the Town of Natick and the Sassamon Trace Gold Course explained to the Agent during a conference call that the amount available for the peer review is \$14,200 . They stated they plan to attend the next meeting to discuss options. The Commission asked the Agent to discuss the scope of work with Woodard and Curran to develop a clear understanding of the breakdown of the cost of each task, to see if a task could be cut to meet the amount of funding available.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

#### **Minutes From 1/15/15**

Mr. McClintock moved to accept the minutes from 1/15/15, as amended. Mr. Gaskin seconded and it was voted to approve 5-0, with Ms. McGarry abstaining.

#### **Warrant: signed by Mr. Gaskin**

### **Conservation Administrator/Agent Report**

- **Staffing and Budget:** Mr. Lesser reported on meeting with the Advisory Committee and noted there were no questions and that the Advisory Chair expressing approval of raising of the Agent's hourly salary to the approved level within the target budget.
- **Administrative Approvals** - there were none
- **Conservation Land Maintenance**
  - Hopestill Reservation** - Not discussed
  - Barber Reservation**

The barn still does not have snow fencing around the barn to protect the public from the remaining construction materials outside the building. The Agent was asked to speak with Mr. Fiske about obtaining snow fencing to to protect the public about the presence of construction materials left on site.
  - Hidden Meadow and Harrington Ridge Drainage** - not discussed
  - Jameson Field area drainage and Ward Pond** - not discussed
- **Forestry**- discussed under Discussion # 2.
- **Barber Reservation Grassland Study**- postponed
- **Attendance at the MACC Conference**- The Commission discussed which workshops and units they plan to take

Mr. Gaskin moved to adjourn. Mr. McClintock seconded and it was voted to approve 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaitlyn Kutzer  
Administrative Assistant

**Documents Presented at the February 5, 2015 Public Meeting**

All documents shall be kept in the Conservation Commission Office files.

**Discussions****Discussion #1-**

- Cover Letter, Addressed to: Alexander & Katrina Gambarov, regarding Order of Conditions DEP #283-0344
- Plan titled “Proposed Disposal System: 185 Woodland Street, Sherborn MA, 01770”  
Revision from 1/15/15
- Plan titled “Proposed Location, Septic System: 185 Woodland Street, Sherborn MA, 01770”  
dated 11/26/2012

**Discussion #2-**

- “DCR Community Forest Stewardship Grant Application Amendment” dated 1/26/2015

**Discussion #3-**

- Conservation Commission 2015 Annual Report DRAFT

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