

SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes October 18, 2010

Present: John Sklenak -Chairman, Victor Sulkowski –Vice-Chair, Parker Coddington, Sam Webb, Debbie Dineen-Conservation Coordinator, Victoria Parsons-Technical Assistant

Discussion: SVT Memorial Forest & Desert Natural Area Management

Present: Laura Mattei, Sudbury Valley Trustees

Laura Mattei presented general management goals for the Memorial Forest. Future burnings to encourage pitch pine and shrub oak forest are planned for 11-acre and a 36-acre sections. The Memorial Forest abuts the Hop Brook Conservation Land and United States Fish and Wildlife land, City of Marlborough land, and the Sudbury/Marlborough State Forest. L. Mattei stated that a prescribed cut and burn every 2 years is optimal for the area to maintain for Scrub Oak and Pitch Pine. The acorns can survive fire and promote regeneration of the species.

J. Sklenak stated in forests, it was ok to do some harvesting as the trees in many of the areas in question have a finite life span.

D. Dineen noted the removal of other species of oaks means the removal of an important food source.

L. Mattei initiated a discussion of the planned invasive plant treatment involving herbicide use. D. Dineen stated the funds needed for burning and herbicide work would need to be available for a long time or it might have been better to not have touched the area to begin with. There is currently no promised future funding. L. Mattei agreed that funding was an issue.

P. Coddington confirmed there was no fungus or insect threat to pitch pine currently.

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability: 35 Cedar Creek Rd.,

Dan McIntyre and Mr. McCormack were present to present the septic repair project. The existing residence is experiencing water problems in the basement.

The current system is in the water table. They proposed an impervious barrier between the house and the new septic system. The proposed system will be a mounded system with a retaining wall.

S. Webb moved for a negative Determination. P. Coddington 2nd; unanimous in favor

LS Insect Survey – Present Certificates

Olivia Chizzo, Michele , and Kathleen Brusger, students of Curtis Middle School, submitted an in depth insect survey covering the wetland hillside at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. This survey is a stepping stone to starting to have tracked information on what insect species are where and initial information into their populations. J. Sklenak presented certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Conservation Commission to each girl.

Requests for Extension Permits:

A request for permit extension for **Sudbury Village 40B** was received under the permit Extension Act. No vote is required as the extension is automatic under the new legislation. .

Lot 5 Fairbank Rd requested a Determination Extension Permit. The extension is necessary as the determination required the recording of a previous Conservation Restriction on the subdivision before soil test on Lot 5 could commence. The CR is held up on the state level. The extended Determination of Applicability will be for one year.

Miscellaneous

1. Discussion & Update: Emerson Medical violation and site inspection

The Coordinator advised the Commission of receipt of a letter from Charles Giachetti, property manager, indicating that the sprinkler system has been removed and he would like his bond money returned and a Certificate of Compliance issued. The Coordinator and Chairman visited the site and noted that 17 sprinkler heads were still observed and all electronics appeared to be in working order in the control box.

The Commission unanimously agreed that no COC will be issued and no bond money will be released until proof is received that the sprinkler system is inoperable.

2. **Minutes** On a motion by J.Sklenak, 2nd by S.Webb, the Commission voted unanimously in favor of approving the Minutes of 6/7; 7/12; 9/13; 9/27; 6/21; 7/26/2010.
3. **Sudbury Weed Education and Eradication Team**. On a motion by J.Sklenak, 2nd by S.Webb, the Commission voted unanimously in support of SWEET's garlic mustard pull on 5/6 – 5/8/2011.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.