

Sudbury Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2012

Present: John Sklenak, Chairman; Sam Webb, Vice-Chairman; Richard Bell; Parker Coddington; Sharon Rizzo; Beth Armstrong; Debbie Dineen, Coordinator

WPA & Bylaw Certificate of Compliance: 94 Butler Rd.; Marcel Maillet

The Coordinator reported that she conducted a site inspection on Nov. 23, 2012 and found that the lot was developed in accordance with the approved plans. An as-built plan has been received. All plantings and leaf mulch have been installed and the site is stable. The conservation restriction has been approved and signed by the Commission and the Selectmen, however it is with EOEEA waiting for signature. She recommended issuance of the COC pending receipt of the conservation restriction recording information.

On a motion by S. Rizzo; 2nd B. Armstrong; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of issuing the COC on receipt of the recording information.

Hop Brook Bridge at Duck Pond Inlet – Eagle Scout Project

The Coordinator reported that Eagle Scout Candidate, Erik Lloyd of Framingham, has completed work on the new bridge spanning the inlet to the Duck Pond. The bridge is very well built and numerous comments from the public have indicated that people are enjoying using the bridge. J. Sklenak added that he and Bill Place worked with Erik on the design and the bridge is very sturdy and solid. It is a great addition to this area.

The Commission had not contributed any funds to this project as none were available last May when the project was in the planning stages. Now that the Commission has the funds from the licensing of several agricultural fields, the Coordinator suggested the Commission consider a contribution after-the fact as the bridge went over the amount of money raised by the Scout, in part due to changes made by the Town. She suggested reimbursing the Scout for \$600 in costs based on receipts submitted. This is approximately one-half the cost of materials.

On a motion by R. Bell; 2nd S. Webb; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of reimbursing Erik Lloyd up to \$600 for bridge materials.

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability: Lots 2 & 3 (804) Boston Post Rd

Present: Scott Goddard; Tom DiPersio; Laura Meier

Mr. DiPersio presented a plan showing two lots located off a common driveway. The wetlands were flagged by Scott Goddard and no work is proposed within any wetland jurisdictional areas.

Mr. Goddard stated that the wetland was flagged using vegetation with soils for confirmation. A stream flows nears the eastern boundary of the lots. There is some bordering vegetated wetland associated with the stream. No determination was made based on the Bylaw requirements, however both Mr. Goddard and the Coordinator did not believe the stream is perennial. Mr. Goddard noted that the stream is dammed on the property for what appears to have been a small skating pond. He added that there is no connection to any water body upstream of the site. The site at Rout 20 appears to be the headwaters of the stream. D. Dineen added that she concurs although the stream may become perennial further downstream

off the site. Mr. Goddard noted that there was no on the site flow at the time he performed the delineation.

On a motion by R. Bell; J. Sklenak 2nd ; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of a negative Determination indicating concurrence with the bordering vegetated wetland flags.

Discussion: 141 Goodman Hill Rd.; Review of additional Drainage materials

Present: Doris Goldthwaite

The Coordinator informed the Commission of the Town Engineer's comments on the new drainage information. He had two main issues: 1) the calculations on the plan do not match the calculations in the narrative; and, 2) he has concerns for interim flooding that could occur during the several years or more that it would take for the new plantings to mature and slow down and uptake runoff.

Chairman Sklenak raised concerns that we are still not assured that the new infiltration from the roof runoff won't impact flows into the stream.

Ms. Goldthwaite commented that the downstream abutters could increase the size of the culvert under their driveway as to prevent flooding on their property.

Abutters Jan Aiken and Andrew Kinney expressed concern that when the 36 mature pines are removed the new edge effect created will result in blow-downs of the trees that will create the new forest edge on the slope. D. Dineen commented that the Commission has always desired a multi-layered canopy and has required it to be created for other projects with tree removal on a slope. She and R. Bell suggested that an arborist would be the only one who could determine if the remaining trees will present a hazard.

Mr. Kinney also stated his concern that the water table could rise as a result of tree removal. He reminded the Commission that their property has a history of flooding severe enough to have resulted in FEMA funding for house repairs.

The discussion was continued to Dec. 17th to allow the applicant to address the Town Engineer's concerns.

Discussion: 27 Mossman Rd; tree removal

The Coordinator conducted a site visit in accordance with the Order of Conditions to look at the trees inspected by a state-certified arborist to determine the health of and/or hazard a number of trees on the site posed. The arborist's report has been submitted. She showed photos of the trees flagged as a hazard. There are 6 large pines and one large completely dead tree recommended for removal by the arborist. These trees are all compromised by splitting, damage at the base, or excessive fill over the roots. They are tall enough to hit the house or garage if they fell.

Commissioners agreed to the removal of the trees with the replanting of native shrubs in accordance with the requirements in the Order.

The Coordinator explained that when she was on site, Mr. Tinsley showed her 13 other smaller trees on the side by the existing garage that he was also concerned about. Not all of these trees might be within 100' of the wetlands. They are outside of the Riverfront. Several trees are partially toppled and hung up within other trees. The remainder are covered in bittersweet and/or poison ivy vines. She shows photos of these trees as well.

On a motion by S. Rizzo, 2nd B. Armstrong; Commissioners voted unanimously that Mr. Tinsley could remove these 13 trees as well as the 6 larger trees tagged by the arborist.

Discussion: FY 2014 Budget

The Coordinator informed the Commission that Department Heads were instructed to draft two department budgets for FY14. One would be a level staff budget with zero overall growth. If one line item is increased, another must be decreased accordingly. The second budget should allow for up to 3% growth to attempt to keep services level. An optional budget could be prepared showing what the department actually needs to maintain services. She plans on presenting this optional budget as well.

The Commission concurred and expressed the desire to have Town management fill the part-time technical Assistant position that was funded for FY13.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.