

Sudbury Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting Held May 12, 2014

Present: Beth Armstrong, Vice-Chairman; Rob Elkind; Mark Sevier; Bruce Porter; Charlie Russo; Debbie Dineen, Coordinator

Public Comments – Items not on the Agenda

Charles Detwiller, 54 Moore Rd., wished to briefly explain the present situation with the sale of his house and the pending conservation restriction. The CR was required in 2006 when he added a major addition/barn within 100' of the pond and other wetland areas. The EOEEA is still working with attorney to develop the final language of the CR. The Commission assured Mr. Detwiller that they will act on the CR as soon as possible after receipt of the approved EOEEA language.

WPA & Bylaw Notice of Intent: 250 Maynard Rd., septic repair

Present: James Alexander

A plan was presented for the repair of an existing septic system. The system is currently a 4-bedroom system and the new system will not exceed this capacity. The existing system is in the groundwater. There are actually two systems, one for gray water, which will be abandoned. The new system meets Title V requirements and is sited as far as possible from the wetland.

On a motion by R. Elkind; 2nd B. Armstrong; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of closing the hearing.

On a motion by B. Armstrong; 2nd C. Russo; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of issuing the standard the septic repair OOC.

WPA & Bylaw Notice of Intent: 10 Wright Rd.; septic repair

Present: Mark Farrell; Frank Salamone

Mr. Farrell presented a plan for the repair of a current septic system that has failed Title V inspection. The existing and proposed systems are both designed for a 3-bedroom home. The new system will be pumped to a leach field sited as far as possible from the wetland that is just outside the riverfront and upland resource area. All work will be accomplished on existing lawn area. Only the piping and tank are now within wetland jurisdiction. A gas pipeline runs through a portion of the property. The new system needs a Board of Health waiver from 4' to 3' above groundwater.

On a motion by B. Armstrong; 2nd R. Elkind; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of closing the hearing and issuing the standard the septic repair OOC subject to Board of Health approval of the necessary waiver.

Eagle Scout Candidate Sean Fogarty - Bench Project

Mr. Fogarty presented a plan to the Commission for the construction and installation of 5 benches to be placed on conservation lands in appropriate places. These include the Duck Pond at Hop Brook, the overlook at Libby/King Philip, the pond at King Philip, etc. The bench material will be a recycled product such as *Trex*. Materials for each bench will cost \$78 not including chains and plaques.

Commissioners agreed that they could fund \$200+- of the cost if it is not raised as part of the Scout project. On a motion by B. Armstrong, the vote was to support Sean Fogarty's project for the 5 benches to be placed generally as indicated on conservation land. The addition of the benches will invite the public to spend time observing and relaxing in nature.

WPA & Bylaw Notice of Resource Area Delineation: 69 -71 Brewster Rd.

Present: Stan Hargus; David Crossman

The Coordinator informed the Commission that she had visited the site to review the wetland flagging during a rain event last week. She observed several discrepancies in the flagging. First, she observed an area of wetland vegetation and flowing water in the area above flags #9 & #10. She felt this area could be considered all or part intermittent stream and potentially bordering vegetated wetland depending on soil conditions.

She also noted an intermittent stream/ditch within the bvw that was not shown on the plan. Another large recently dug or re-dug ditch was observed near the bottom of the hill off the end of Brewster. This ditch appears to have been dug to intercept runoff and groundwater and channel it to the wetland to the north. This recent activity appears to be a violation.

She recommended the Commission hire, at the expense of the applicant, a wetland scientist to review the wetland delineation. Commissioners agreed. Fred King was the first choice as he is familiar with the property. Mr. Hargus was opposed to hiring anyone who has worked for a previous property owner. All parties agreed that David Burke would be a good choice for this project. The hearing was continued to June 2, 2014.

WPA & Bylaw Notice of Intent: 8 Dawson Rd. (cont.)

Present: Leon and Yelena Melamed

The discussion focused on the proposed revegetation and restoration area. Mrs. Melamed stated that there are 4 types of invasive plants, including approximately 40 buckthorn, 2 Japanese barberry, and 2 oriental bittersweet. They will remove these plants and plant 2 E. hemlocks, 4 witch hazel, 3 red maple, and ground cover where the non-native plants are removed.

Commissioners noted that the revegetation area does not appear to have a direct connection with the undisturbed area. It appears the new plants are more for landscaping and screening than for wetland enhancement. The Coordinator noted that some of the

groundcover, such as marsh marigold, will not survive in the proposed upland conditions. Commissioners requested a clearer plan and an assessment of the wetland enhancement to be provided. The Coordinator also noted that the calculations of riverfront area need to be clarified, as she had discussed by email with the applicant's wetland representative.

The hearing was continued to June 2, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.