

SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting Held Monday, Sept. 22, 2014

Present: Tom Friedlander, Chairman; Beth Armstrong, Vice-Chairman; Rob Elkind; Charlie Russo; Bruce Porter; Mark Sevier

With a quorum present, Chairman Friedlander called the meeting to Order at 6:30pm.

Minutes Sept. 8, 2014

On a motion by C. Russo; 2nd B. Armstrong; the Commission voted unanimously in favor of approving the Minutes of Sept. 8, 2014 as corrected.

Discussion of Meeting Protocols and Procedures

(Commissioner Porter joined the meeting at this point.)

Chairman Friedlander asked for comments on how the meetings might be better run to stay on track with the agenda yet allow enough discussion of the relevant items. B. Porter felt that speakers must be concise in stating their positions. D. Dineen added that it could be made clear at the beginning of the discussion that the Commission only discusses the impact of projects to wetlands and does not second-guess other contractor's established procedures, especially safety procedures; i.e. the National Grid gas line installation at 72 Plympton Road. C. Russo noted that it is human nature to get off track in discussions and he felt that setting ground rules for discussion up front will set good expectations. Only new & relevant points should be entertained by the Commission. B. Armstrong reminded everyone that public comments are allowed at the discretion of the Commission and there may be times when the Commission must end discussion if it is not constructive to the Commission's review.

(Commissioner Sevier joined the meeting at this point.)

This discussion continued following the completion of wetlands permitting business items.

B. Armstrong felt that the public, consultants, and the applicants should be informed of the opportunity and time frames for appeals of any Commission decision. This should be announced at the start of any hearing.

Commissioners agreed to have staff develop a "Rules of Conduct" listing clear points on a visible easel for display at meetings. Hearing procedures should have an introduction and protocol read prior to the start of any presentation. This should be read for both Notices of Intent and Requests for Determinations.

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability: Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Present: Jake Melnick, Eagle Scout Candidate from Troop 41 Marlborough

Scout Jake Melnick presented a plan for the construction of an unpaved trail from Dutton Rd. to Grist Mill on south side of Wayside Inn Rd. as his Eagle Scout Project. He will remove the grass and place crushed stone for a width of one-person wide (about 3') for 80 yards long.

D. Dineen noted that the trail will be located within a riverfront area and partially within 100' of bordering vegetated wetlands. A bridge will be installed over a small stream. She questioned if a one-person wide trail was adequate and if it would present an erosion issue in the future. She

recommended a 5' wide trail as is the standard sidewalk to accommodate two people. R. Elkind questioned if the crushed stone was to be compacted and suggested the use of a compactor that could be rented. Compacting could help prevent erosion long term.

B. Porter asked if the budget would accommodate the increased width of the walkway. The Troop leader stated that he did not know what the Innkeeper's budget was for the project. D. Dineen noted that most Eagle Scout projects have a fundraising component associated with them. Perhaps fundraising could be done for any overage in material costs. The Troop leader stated that crushed stone costs \$19/ton and there is 1.5 tons per cu. yard.

M. Sevier stated that the project sounds like a great project, however more design detail and a sketch plan of the design is needed to allow the Commission to assess the wetland impact during and after construction. T. Friedlander agreed and thought that costs, materials, and labor could be described in more detail.

All parties agreed to a continuation of the meeting until Oct. 6, 2014. Jake Melnick will provide the Commission with more details a minimum of 4 business days prior to Oct. 6th.

WPA & Bylaw Request for Determination of Applicability: 29 Elsbeth Rd.

Present: David Noyes

Mr. Noyes presented a plan for the expansion of a current 864 sq. ft. house with a one car garage. The house and septic are currently a 3-bedroom house and will remain a 3-bedroom house. A house addition is proposed.

D. Dineen informed the Commission that what appears to be an isolated wetland area is located in the rear of the lot. She questioned how runoff from new impervious surfaces will be treated. Mr. Noyes stated that 2,000 – 3,000 sq. ft of additional impervious surface is planned. Exact dimensions are unknown at this time. Soils from the well next door indicates 20' – 40' of coarse sand so he does not anticipate any issues with infiltration of additional runoff. D. Dineen noted that volume of runoff to be infiltrated and soil type in area of infiltration are unknown at this time, although she does not believe there will be a problem developing an engineering solution to do so. Site specifics should be provided.

Mr. Noyes stated that he does not yet own the property and must also go before the ZBA. He must design these details in any case and agreed to a continuation to Oct. 20, 2014 to provide the missing documentation to the Commission.

WPA & Bylaw Certificates of Compliance:

1. 74 Cudworth Lane: Duplicate original COC was signed for recording
2. 10 Crescent Lane: A request for a COC was received 9/17/14 from a realtor selling the house. A site visit has not yet been scheduled. D. Dineen noted that the Commission could vote to issue the COC conditional upon an acceptable site visit as this file dates from 1992. She pointed out the backyard of the house has <8' to the limit of disturbance line and a conservation restriction is located beyond this limit. The site visit will determine if the limits of disturbance and/or the conservation restriction have been breached. Commissioners determined that the site visit should occur and no conditional votes should be taken due to the close proximity of the no-

disturb areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.