

SOUTHBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009
TOWN HOUSE MEETING ROOM, 2nd fl.
MEETING MINUTES

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Southborough held a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Southborough Town House, 2nd floor meeting room.

Members Present: John Leeds, Mark Possemato, A.J. Purcell, Phil Bevins, Russ Gregory and Rhonda Russian.

Members Absent: Dick Upjohn.

Also Present: Ellen Chagnon, Conservation Scientist Consultant

The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Leeds as chairperson.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT HEARING – PAUL PIETRO, 12 SEARS ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 63, LOT 12:

Mr. Leeds opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m. Present was property owner Paul Pietro and wetlands consultant Brian Waterman of Waterman Design Associates in Westborough. Mr. Waterman said the wetland boundary has been delineated on the site, and he presented a restoration plan for the Commission to review. Mr. Waterman stated: the wetland delineation he has completed is far from the GIS wetland line; he suggests the 20' No Touch area be lined with shrubs; he suggests the area where the tire ruts exist will adequately self-restore since herbaceous groundcover is prevalent there; he suggests that conservation seed mix be planted elsewhere; between 17-20 trees were removed and he suggests planting 20 trees and 43 shrubs and seed mix for the restoration; and the majority of the work is on the abutting property.

The Commission asked that formal permission be given by the abutting property owner stating her consent with the restoration work. Mr. Waterman detailed the types of plants he is suggesting be used (Quaking Aspen, Sugar Maple, Red Chokecherry) and their sizes (3' -6' height for trees, 18"-30" for shrubs). The Commission suggested the trees should not be planted in a straight row, would like more variety of shrubs, scattered and larger than those proposed, and asked for a more detailed restoration plan along with a signed agreement from the neighbor consenting to the work.

Mr. Leeds continued the hearing to 10/8/09.

CONTINUED ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT HEARING – CAPITAL GROUP PROPERTIES, 134 TURNPIKE ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 29, LOT 47:

Applicant asked for a postponement until the next meeting.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT HEARING – JOSAR PRPROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 78 DEERFOOT ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 34, LOT 50:

Mr. Leeds opened the hearing at 8:15 p.m. Present was Josie Shea of Southborough Veterinary Hospital, Tim Paris of Connorstone, and contractor's representative Daniel Dunn. Mr. Dunn brought the Commission up to date on the progress made on the site since the previous meeting: the binder course is complete and they anticipate the final course will be done next week, and haybales are still being used around the catch basins. Mr. Dunn described the problems they were having with water in the barn basement, and spoke about the roof drains and sub drains. Mr. Bevins pointed out a

discrepancy in the plans. The Commission informed the applicant that a revised plan correcting the discrepancy must be submitted to the Conservation office and to the contractor before the hearing can be closed.

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – ANDREW GEBAUER, 5 WHITE BAGLEY ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 55, LOT 78:

Mr. Leeds opened the hearing at 8:30 p.m. Present was property owner Andrew Gebauer. Mr. Gebauer stated he would like to install a garden shed in his backyard, using a crushed stone gravel base within the current lawn area and in line with the existing concrete retaining wall. Mr. Gregory would like to see protection of the back edge to contain the gravel. Mr. Gebauer said he would use 6' x 6' landscaping timbers to contain it. Upon motion by Mr. Bevins, seconded by Mr. Purcell, the Commission voted (6-0) to approve a Negative Determination provided that the applicant install the landscape timbers as agreed to at the hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The **Meeting Minutes** were tabled until Mr. Upjohn could be present.
2. **Request for Certificate of Compliance – 55 Parkerville Road:** Per motion made by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Purcell, the Commission voted (6-0) to approve a Certificate of Compliance.
3. **Request for Certificate of Compliance – 12 General Henry Knox Road:** Per motion by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Purcell, the Commission voted (6-0) to approve a Certificate of Compliance.
4. Ms. Russian brought the Commission up to date on the Advisory Committee meeting she attended to discuss the Commission's warrant article for Special Town Meeting regarding setting up a Revolving Fund Account for our local filing fees.
5. Mr. Bevins announced that he will be resigning from the Commission as he is moving out of state on October 31, 2009. He stated that the October 8, 2009 meeting will be his final meeting.
6. Mr. Bevins stated he noticed work being performed at the former bus lot on **Boston Road** that is now owned by Genzyme, and asked Ms. Rosenblum and Ms. Chagnon to investigate.
7. **0 Northborough Road:** The Commission was informed that tree clearing was occurring on the site, and asked Ms. Chagnon and Ms. Rosenblum to investigate.
8. Ms. Chagnon informed the Commission of her recent site visit to the Fay School and her findings that they appear to have encroached onto DCR property and within BVW buffer zones with some of their recent trail improvement work. The Commission asked for a letter to be written (copied to DCR) about the proper protocols that must be followed when proposing work near wetlands.

Upon motion by Ms. Russian, seconded by Mr. Bevins, the Commission voted (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rosenblum
Conservation Administrator