

**Amherst Conservation Commission Minutes**

**May 9, 2007**

**Town Room, Amherst Town Hall**

Meeting called to order by Liv Baker at 7:17 p.m.

Commission members present Liv Barker, presiding; Harvey Allen, Dan Kaplan, and Ellie Manire-Gatti, recording. Staff present, Dave Ziomek, director, and Stephanie Ciccarello, wetlands administrator.

Minutes discussed. Harvey made motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Kaplan. Passed unanimously.

7:05 p.m. Baker opened a hearing for Certificate of Compliance for the Evelyn Rackcliffe Trust located on Pine Street. Valerie Miller presented for the Trust. Kaplan moved for a positive Determination for the delineation to be issued when the surveyed plan shows that the drain on the property is a Town Jurisdictional intermittent stream, that the wetland flags have locations and numbers, and that the buffer zones are outlined. Allen seconded and passed unanimously.

7:40 p.m. Baker opened a hearing, continued from 7/26/06, for a Notice of Intent for Haskins View on East Leverett Road. Developer Barry Roberts requested that this NOI be continued. Kaplan made a motion to continue hearing until July 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Allen seconded and passed unanimously.

7:45 p.m. Baker opened a hearing, continued from January 24, 2007, for a Request for Determination for driveway re-paving in the buffer zone located at 34 Baker Zone. Harvey Allen had requested this. No quorum as Allen recused himself. Kaplan moved to continue this hearing until June 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Manire-Gatti and passed unanimously.

7:50 p.m. Baker opened hearing for a request for finalizing of plans for two buildings on 2.4 acres located on Watson Farm. Peter Wells presented. The new plans would put the power source below grade, add a utility shed 4 feet wide as part of building, change utility sheds from 5-7 feet, and reduce the size of dumpster pad. Kaplan moved to accept these minor changes. Allen seconded and passed unanimously.

7:50 p.m. Baker opened a hearing for request for Determination of Applicability for repaving and repair of the inlet to a storm drain of a parking lot in the buffer zone located on Pray Street. DPW sponsored this request and Paul Dethier, Assistant Town Engineer, presented it. At top of inlet to Tan Brook a storm water treatment unit would be installed that would require cleaning twice a year. During construction on the down turning slope "t" bags would be used to absorb TSS. Dethier advised that DPW director Guilford Mooring suggested that the Town would mow the swale that provides water for the brook. Discussion followed about the advisability of doing this. Allen moved to issue a Negative Determination allowing one mowing and removal of trash of this swale area. More extensive mowing would require another Request for Determination. Seconded Kaplan. Passed unanimously.

8:00 p.m. Baker opened a hearing for a request for Determination submitted by Janna Cutson and Paul Rothenberg for construction of a garage and widening of an existing driveway in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands located at 30 Hulst Road (their home.) Dan Kaplan recused himself as his land abuts the Cutson and Rothenberg property. Allen moved for a Negative Determination. Seconded by Kaplan. Passed unanimously.

8:15 p.m. Baker opened a hearing, continued from 3/28/07, for a Notice of Intent for construction of an eight-lot cluster subdivision in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetlands on West Street. Paul Cole requested this Notice of Intent. Allen moved that this hearing be continued until May 23, at 8:15. Seconded Manire-Gatti. Passed unanimously.

8:30 p.m. Ziomek discussed the two proposed APR's. He advised that these proposed APR's would receive more scrutiny than previous PR acquisitions by Town Meeting and the larger community.

Ziomek introduced a discussion on Warrant Articles 8, 9, and 10. This Commission was not ready to give these articles its support. Kaplan moved that the Commission not endorse Article 8,9, or 10. Seconded Manire-Gatti. Passed unanimously.

Kaplan moved to adjourn at 8:45 9.m. Allen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Approved at the May 23, 2007 Conservation Commission Meeting.