

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gerber at 7:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members: Gerber, Robb, Allen, Baker, Kaplan (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Manire-Gatti, (Stein absent)

Staff: Ziomek, Ciccarello, Skeels

Public: Wells, Mitchell, Cole, Wilson, Parasiewicz, Archey and Marton

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gerber at 7:07 p.m.

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of May 23, 2007.

Commission Chair

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to elect Nicki Robb as Chair and Liv Baker as Vice Chair/Secretary of the Conservation Commission for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 2007.

Research Project – Sandy Gillespie

VOTED Gerber, Robb, Allen, and Manire-Gatti voted “Aye” Baker abstained to approve the continuation of Ms. Gillespie’s research on bumblebees on Conservation Land studying parasitoids of bumblebees and their impacts on plant reproduction.

Turtle Research – Liz Willey

VOTED unanimously to approve the snapping turtle research by Liz Willey, using conventional radio telemetry and a prototype GPS unit to track four snapping turtles at Plum Springs.

PERMITS/CERTIFICATES

Public Hearing - Request for Determination – RFD 07-1082: John Lloyd, 29 Hedgerow Lane

For deck addition to an existing house in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands located at 29 Hedgerow Lane (Map, parcel)

- Opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0), to close the public hearing and to issue a negative determination for the work.

**Public Hearing – Request for Determination - RFD 07-1068: Harvey Allen, 34 Baker Street
(cont'd from 1/24/07)**

For driveway re-paving in the buffer zone located at 34 Baker Street (Map 13D, parcel 46).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

VOTED Gerber, Robb, Baker, Kaplan and Manire-Gatti voted “Aye”, Allen recused himself to continue the public hearing and to June 27, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – NOI 07-1073: Paul Cole, West Street (cont’d from 3/28/07)
Paul Cole for construction of an eight lot cluster subdivision in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands located on West Street (Map 25B, parcel 29).

Peter Wells presented for the applicant. Also in attendance were Bridget Mitchell, Civil Engineer, Paul Cole, owner and Russ Wilson, contractor.

- Opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:33 p.m.

VOTED Gerber, Allen, Kaplan, Manire-Gatti voted “Aye”, Robb and Baker abstained to close the public hearing.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to continue for the purpose of considering conditions and issuing an order on June 27, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing – Request for an Amended Order of Conditions – National Yiddish Book Center
For minor plan changes (Map 25B, parcel 63).

- Opened the public hearing at 8:34 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to close the public hearing and to issue an amended Order of Conditions.

Public Hearing – Request for Determination – RFD 07-1083: Rushing Rivers, Inc.

For a long-term monitoring program of the Fort River (Map/Parcel numbers: 17C-13; 17C-14; 17C-58; 17C-59; 17B-1; 15B-87; 17A-68, 18A-16).

Piotr Parasiewicz was available for questions, having made a presentation at a previous meeting.

- Opened the public hearing at 8:37 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to close the public hearing with an issuance of a determination pending response from Natural Heritage.

Public Hearing - Notice of Intent NOI 07-1084: Hampshire College – Veridian Village

For construction of a “Lifelong Learning Community” consisting of 57 two-story town-homes with attached garages, 72 flats over first floor parking within 3 multi-story buildings, a community building, a private loop roadway and several cul-de-sacs; all supported by utility infrastructure and site grading.

Larry Archey and Ann Marton from LEC Consultants representing Beacon Development presented for Hampshire College.

- Opened the public hearing at 8:44 p.m.

VOTED Gerber, Allen, Baker, Kaplan, and Manire-Gatti, voted “Aye”, Robb recused herself to continue the public hearing to June 27, 2007 at 7:50 p.m. A third party peer review of the stormwater

management plan, including the operations and maintenance plan is requested with Stephanie Ciccarello, Wetlands Administrator, directed to hire a consultant to perform the review and to coordinate with the LEC consultants.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 34 Pomeroy Lane

VOTED unanimously (6-0), to deny a Certificate of Compliance.

MISCELLANEOUS

Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Discussion

Dave Ziomek gave an update of the progress at Town Meeting. Article 27 – Cowls APR will be considered on either June 18 or 20. He is optimistic that it will be approved by Town Meeting. An appraisal for the Tietjen property was just received, but Mr. Ziomek has had no time to meet with the owners. He will recommend to Town Meeting that it be referred back to the CPAC for consideration at the Fall 2007 Town Meeting. He is also optimistic that Town Meeting will approve Article 26 and the \$15,000 for an appraisal.

Mr. Ziomek informed the Commission that we have rangers for Puffers Pond seven days from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. There is funding to pay their salaries for the month of June and he is fund raising to raise money to pay the rangers for July and August. He also noted that the Town Manager is interested in having a master plan for Puffers Pond.

Stanley Street Swimming Hole

John Gerber noted that he met with Ryan Harb at the site and talked with him about the proposed changes he wanted to make at the site. The vegetation that Mr. Harb wanted to remove, upon inspection, was actually necessary to hold the bank in place. Mr. Gerber indicated that Ryan has gotten a job in Boston, so is probably not going to pursue this endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (6-0), to adjourn the open meeting at 10:00 p.m.