

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Robb at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members: Harvey Allen, Liv Baker, John Gerber, Ellie Manire-Gatti, Nicki Robb, Otto Stein

Staff: Dave Ziomek

Public: Christopher Bloom

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION

Approve Minutes

VOTED, Allen, Baker, Robb, Stein voted "Aye," Gerber and Manire-Gatti abstained, to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of July 11, 2007.

539 Market Hill Road - 61A withdrawal

No action

Ratify DCR Rail Trail Emergency Certificate

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to ratify the Emergency Certificate issued to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation on July 17, 2007 by Stephanie Ciccarello, Wetlands Administrator, for work on the Norwottuck Rail Trail off Station Road.

Self-Help Grant Application – Cushman Brook Corridor

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to sign the self-help grant application for the Cushman Brook Corridor project. The Commission gave their enthusiastic support to Dave Ziomek and the Conservation Department to submit a Self Help Grant application for the project.

PERMITS/CERTIFICATES

Notice of Intent – NOI 06-1042 : Haskins View, LLC (cont'd from 7/26/06) For construction of a 27 lot subdivision partially within the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands and within the riverfront resource area located on East Leverett Road (Map 3A, parcels 20, 80 & Map 3B, parcel 78).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to continue the public hearing and to August 8, 2007 at 7:15 p.m.

Notice of Intent – NOI 06-1062: Richard Brazeau for the DCR (cont'd from 11/08/06) For the Department of Conservation and Recreation for repair of the existing Rail Trail embankment as well as permanent water level reduction in a land under water body resource area on the Norwottuck Rail Trail off Station Road (Map 16B, parcel 5).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to close the public hearing for the revised plan dated July 25, 2007 and to issue an order of conditions that in addition to the boiler plate, includes the conditions detailed by NHESP in their November 8, 2006 letter and a special condition requiring quarterly reports from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the first two years and biannual reports thereafter..

Request for Determination – RFD 07-1087: NUSCO as agent for WMECO For sediment sampling of the Fort River from the Pelham Road Bridge.

- Opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

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

Request for Determination – RFD 07-1088 – Daniel Waskiewicz For septic system upgrade in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland located at 28 Pulpit Hill Road (Map 2A, Lot 41).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to close the public hearing and to issue a negative determination for the work with the following special conditions: No hay bales to be used as erosion control.

Notice of Intent – NOI 07-1084 - Hampshire College – Veridian Village (cont'd from 6/13/07) 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.

- Opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

VOTED Allen, Baker, Gerber, Manire-Gatti and Stein voted “Aye,” Robb abstained to continue the public hearing to August 8, 2007 at 7:50 p.m.

Request for Determination – RFD 07-1090 – Amherst DPW For drainage replacement in the buffer zones to the bank resource area and pond (Town of Amherst Bylaw) located at 37 Western Lane (Map 19C parcels 186 and 4).

- Opened the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to continue the public hearing and to August 8, 2007 at 7:55 p.m.

Notice of Intent – NOI 07-1089 – Christopher Bloom on behalf of Sotorios Anamisis For re-grading and paving in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands located at 55 University Drive (Map 13B, parcel 21).

- Opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

The applicant, Christopher Bloom, submitted a revised Notice of Intent. The Commission asked that the applicant submit a detailed response to comments made by Jason Skeels, Town Engineer. The applicant agreed to do so.

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to continue the public hearing to August 8, 2007 at 8:10 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mt. Pollux Use Policy

No action – to be discussed at a future meeting.

Beaver Management

The Conservation Commission agreed to review the beaver management information in preparation for a thorough discussion during the first meeting of September.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (6-0) to adjourn the open meeting at 8:30 p.m.