

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Robb, Baker (left meeting at 7:30 p.m. for Town Meeting and returned at 9:01 p.m.), Allen, Gerber, Kaplan (arrived at 7:53 p.m.), Manire-Gatti, Stein

**STAFF:** Ziomek, Ciccarello

**OTHERS:** Julie Johnson, Bruce Griffin, Alec MacLeod, Mark Prince, Norm Simonson, Don Traester

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION**

**Approve Minutes**

**VOTED** (5-1), Robb, Baker, Gerber, Manire-Gatti and Stein voted "Aye," Allen abstained to approve as amended the Conservation Commission minutes of April 23, 2008.

**PM –Discussion regarding plan change – Al Bonneau – 175 College Street**

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to approve the minor plan change.

**Discussion regarding Hitchcock Center Green Building Renovations**

Julie Johnson, Director of the Hitchcock Center presented.

**PERMITS/CERTIFICATES**

**Notice of Intent** – Amherst Conservation Department for repair of eroding section of the Emily Dickinson Trail along the Fort River at the Mill Lane Conservation Area (Map 17B, Parcel 1).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Alec MacLeod presented. The Commission must wait until they received comments from NHESP before they can vote on this request.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to continue the hearing to June 11 at 7:15 p.m.

**Notice of Intent** (Cont'd from 3/26/08) – Andrews & LaVerdiere for construction of a climate controlled storage facility at Meadow Street, Amherst (Map 4D, Lots 1 & 2).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to continue the hearing to June 11 at 7:25 p.m.

**Request for Amended Order of Conditions** – Donna Nodruf/Evelyn Rackcliffe Trust for 460 Pine Street, Amherst (Map 6A, parcel 20 & 26).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:23 p.m.

Bruce Griffin presented. Don Traester, an abutter to the property was also in attendance.

**VOTED** unanimously, to close the public hearing and to issue an amended Order of Conditions for relocation of the driveway but to maintain the 50' setback as originally proposed.

**Request for Determination** – Carex LLC for determination whether MGL C131 s40 and/or the Amherst Wetlands Bylaw applies to two lots on the property on Research Drive, Amherst, MA (Map 21B, Parcel 81).

- Opened the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Bruce Griffin presented. Mark Prince and Norm Simonson, abutters to the property were also in attendance.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS UNTIMED ITEMS:**

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance – 287 Potwine Lane**

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 287 Potwine Lane.

**Proposed research study on Amherst Conservation Land by TNC**

Dave Ziomek urged the Commission to support the research.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to support the proposed research study on Amherst Conservation Land by TNC.

**Haskins Meadow – Emergency Permit**

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to ratify the Emergency Permit issued May 19, 2008 for dam breach at the Haskins Meadow Conservation Area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:05 p.m.