

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Robb at 7:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Robb, Allen, Gerber, Kaplan, Stein

ABSENT: Baker, Manire-Gatti

STAFF: Ziomek, Ciccarello

OTHERS: John Goldrosen, John Fitz-Gibbon, Chuck Dauchy, Mark Darnold (BDG), Seymour & Alice Epstein, Paul Cole, Rob Quinn, Ward Smith, Larry Kellogg, Piotr Parasiewicz, and Ron Jacques

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION

Approve Minutes

VOTED (4-0-1) Allen, Gerber, Kaplan and Stein voted "Aye," Robb abstained to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of May 14, 2008.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of May 28, 2008 as amended.

Tietjen & Cows APR

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to sign the APR and Co-holders Agreements for the Tietjen and Cows properties.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Mr. Ziomek gave an update of the progress on the Open Space and Recreation Plan. He is hoping to get the 90% version to the Commission by the end of June for review and a vote of approval.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the discussion to June 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PERMITS/CERTIFICATES

Notice of Intent (Cont'd from 5/28/08) – 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 8:00 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to June 25, 2008 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).

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to June 25, 2008 at 7:35 p.m.

Notice of Intent (Cont'd from 3/26/08) – Andrews & LaVerdiere for construction of an office building located on Meadow Street, Amherst (Map 4D, Lots 1 & 2).

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to June 25, 2008 at 8:05 p.m.

RE-OPEN - Notice of Intent – Paul Cole for development of an 8 lot eleven-unit cluster subdivision located at 1194 West Street (Map #25B, parcel 29).

- Opened the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

John Fitz-Gibbon, Mark Darnold and Chuck Dauchy presented for the applicant. John Goldrosen, Town Counsel attorney, was on hand to clarify his interpretation of the Bylaw and Bylaw regulations to the Commission. Rob Quinn, Larry Kellogg, Ron Jacques, Piotr Parasiewicz, Ward Smith, Seymour and Alice Epstein all commented on the proposal.

Applicant will attempt to revise plan to meet the requirements of the state performance standards regarding work in the riverfront resource area.

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to continue the public hearing to July 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS UNTIMED ITEMS:

Ag Commission Letter Re: Nielsen Development

The Conservation Commission discussed the letter from the Agricultural Commission to the Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the Nielsen development on South East Street and their request for a hydrologic study among other requests. Dave Ziomek recommended running the Conservation Commission's position by Town Counsel. John Gerber volunteered to draft a letter to Town Counsel.

Dave Ziomek discussed his visit to South Hadley with Doug Hutcheson and their meeting with Janice Stone.

Mr. Ziomek gave the Commission an update on the Puffer's Pond Breakfast and the high volume of use the Pond gets and discussed potential parking locations.

Dave asked the Commission to sign off on the Cushman Brook Corridor Management Plan and indicated that no additional trails are proposed for right now, although it's in draft form.

Stephanie Ciccarello presented the Amended Order of Conditions for the Pine Street/Evelyn Rackliffe Trust property which was approved at the June 11, 2008 meeting, but not signed.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:45 p.m.