

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gerber, Acting Chair, at 7:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Allen, Gerber, Kaplan (arrived at 7:38 p.m.), Manire-Gatti, Stein

ABSENT: Robb, Baker

STAFF: Ziomek, Ciccarello

OTHERS: Stephanie O’Keefe, Alec MacLeod, Joe Waskiewicz, Bruce Griffin, Ron LaVerdiere, Bill Garrity, Rob Sonnichsen

CONSERVATION COMMISSION’S ACTION

Approve Minutes

Action on the minutes of June 11, 2008, postponed until July 9, 2008.

Response to Agricultural Commission Letter of May 15, 2008

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to sign the letter drafted by John Gerber to the Agricultural Commission regarding the South East Street project.

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 7:15 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Alec MacLeod presented for the applicant.

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to close the public hearing and to issue an Order of Conditions with “boiler plate” conditions, amended as necessary, and NHESP Special Condition.

RFD 08-1121 – Susan Chinman for removal of trees near a vernal pool at 16 Cranberry Lane (Map 8B, Parcel 216).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Susan Chinman presented.

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to close the public hearing and to issue a negative determination for the work with special conditions as follows:

- 1) Erosion control shall be installed around the perimeter of the work area
- 2) No tree removal may be directed toward the wetlands resource area
- 3) All debris from tree removal shall be removed and located offsite outside the buffer zone and resource area
- 4) Tree stumps shall remain in place to prevent erosion

- 5) The Wetlands Administrator shall be notified upon installation of the erosion control prior to work
- 6) No work may proceed until the Wetlands Administrator has inspected the erosion control

RFD 080-1120 – Richard Weinberg for construction of a utility shed at 555 Market Hill Road (Map 3D, Parcel 70).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Richard Weinberg presented.

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to close the public hearing and to issue a negative determination for the work with special conditions as follows:

- 1) Erosion control shall be installed around the perimeter of the work area
- 2) The Wetlands Administrator shall be notified upon installation of the erosion control prior to work
- 3) No work may proceed until the Wetlands Administrator has inspected the erosion control

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

- Opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Bruce Griffin presented; Rob Sonnichsen, Bill Garrity and Ron LaVerdiere were present.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to July 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

- Opened the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Bruce Griffin presented.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing, at the applicant's request, to September 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS UNTIMED ITEMS:

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Dave Ziomek requested 20 minutes on the July 9, 2008 Agenda for discussion regarding progress on the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Director's Report

Dave Ziomek reported that the closing on the Cows APR was imminent and a celebration would be held for the dedication of the APR. The Tietjen APR has been extended until September to iron out some details.

Otto Stein gave an update on the Public Shade Tree Committee.

Ellie Manire-Gatti gave an update on the Hitchcock Center.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to adjourn the open meeting at 8:52 p.m.