

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gerber, Chair at 7:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Gerber (C), Kaplan (VC) (arrived 7:09 p.m.), Allen, Angus, Hamin

ABSENT: Stein

STAFF: Ziomek, Ciccarello

OTHERS: Pat Wagner, Alec MacLeod, John Nunnelly

CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to approve the Conservation Commission minutes of May 27, 2009.

Nunnelly Pond Discussion

Alec MacLeod presented for the owners.

PERMITS/CERTIFICATES

Request for Determination – Ralph Hill for Installation of an aboveground swimming pool in the buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands located at 49 Kestrel Lane (Map 18C, parcel 102).

Ralph Hill presented.

- Opened the public meeting at 7:31 p.m.
- Closed the public meeting at 7:37 p.m.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to close the public meeting and to issue a negative determination for the work (Hamin moved, Angus 2nd).

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

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to June 24, 2009 at 8:00 p.m (Kaplan moved, Allen 2nd).

Request for Amended Order of Conditions (NOI 05-1009) - Levi-Nielsen for minor plan changes to Detention Pond 4P to reduce environmental impact at 650 South East Street (Strawberry Fields) (Map 17D, Parcel 24).

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to July 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m (Kaplan moved, Angus 2nd).

Request for Determination – DPW Resurfacing Route 116 from Snell Street to 916 West Street (Map 22D, parcel 20).

- Opened the public meeting at 8:15 p.m.
- Closed the public meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Jason Skeels, Town Engineer, presented.

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to close the public meeting and to issue a negative determination for the work with the following special conditions: (1) include silt fencing from Muddy Brook to Glendale Road; (2) submit plan section with the additional erosion control to the Wetlands Administrator (Kaplan moved, Angus 2nd).

Notice of Intent (Cont'd from 5/27/09) – Amherst Department of Public Works for roadway reconstruction and drainage improvements partially in, and in the buffer zone of, bordering vegetated wetlands and bank resource areas (Route 116 - Atkins Corner adjacent to Map 25B parcel 5).

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to continue the public hearing to July 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m (Kaplan moved, Hamin 2nd).

Request for Determination – Amherst Conservation Department for bog bridging replacement at the Hitchcock Center for the Environment (Map 17A, parcel 50)

- Opened the public meeting at 9:02 p.m.
- Closed the public meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Stephanie Ciccarello presented for the applicant.

VOTED (4-0-1), Gerber, Allen, Angus, Hamin voted “Aye” and Kaplan abstained, to close the public meeting and to issue a negative determination for the work (Angus moved, Hamin 2nd).

Notice of Intent – University of Massachusetts for construction of a Police Station in the buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland located at 585 East Pleasant Street (Map 8C, parcel 13C).

- Opened the public hearing at 9:05 p.m.

Jeffrey Squire presented for the applicant. Elisabeth Hamin and John Gerber stated for the record that they are employees of the University of Massachusetts.

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to continue the public hearing to June 24, 2009 at 8:10 p.m.

Kaplan left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Discussion and vote to issue Order of Conditions to Sheila Stevens 49 Overlook Drive (Map 6B, parcel 49).

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to issue an Order of Conditions with the standard boilerplate conditions and special conditions as recommended by the Wetlands Administrator.

MISCELLANEOUS UNTIMED ITEMS:

Conservation Commission Representative to CPAC

VOTED (4-0-1), Allen, Angus, Kaplan and Hamin voted “Aye,” Gerber abstained to recommend to the Select Board the appointment of John Gerber as Conservation Commission Representative to the Community Preservation Act Committee effective July 1, 2009.

Conservation Commission Officers

VOTED (4-0-1), Gerber, Allen, Kaplan and Hamin voted “Aye”, Angus abstained to appoint Briony Angus as Chair of the Conservation Commission for one year effective July 1, 2009.

VOTED (4-0-1), Gerber, Allen, Angus and Hamin voted “Aye,” to appoint Dan Kaplan as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Town meeting eliminated one full time administrative position and the Associate Planner position. Soft money has been utilized to maintain the associate planner position for FY 10 and hopefully will do the same for FY 11 as well. A temporary part time administrative support person has been approved to assist the 2nd floor administrative support team.

Puffer’s Pond 2020 was unveiled at the Puffer’s Pond Breakfast. There were already inquiries for Citizen Activities Forms to participate in this effort.

Kestrel Trust and Friends of Puffer’s Pond raised over \$4,000 at this year’s **Puffer’s Pond Breakfast**. A press release will soon be coming out.

The Conservation Department hired one returning **seasonal staff** member (Jeremy Gerber) and will interview for another 1 ½ positions.

Open Space and Recreation Plan is nearing completion which will enable the Town to be eligible for grant funding.

The Olendzki and Johnson Projects are soon to close (Johnson by the end of June).

The Tietjan APR has closed.

Dave Ziomek has “unofficially” recommended re-appointment of Allen and Angus. Ziomek urged Commission members to recruit folks willing to serve as Commissioners.

Farm and Market Report – there’s a new state funded program for APR farmers. Dave is willing to help people with applications if needed.

WETLAND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Stephanie gave an update on the DCR delineation peer review. Art Allen from Ecotech, Inc. has agreed to assist the Commission with reviewing the rail trail delineation and plans submitted by Stantec.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:40 p.m.