

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Angus, Chair at 7:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Angus (C), Kaplan (VC), Gerber, Hamin, Stein, Walker,

**ABSENT:** Allen

**STAFF:** Ziomek, Ciccarello

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S ACTION**

**Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Dave Ziomek informed the Commission that the State has granted the Town an additional two years, if we wish to "expand" on the goals section. With added goals #s 7 and 8, an update would not be required for another seven years. Submittal deadline is early February. Elisabeth made additional bullet suggestions for raising funds under Goal #8.

**Request for Revocation of Order of Conditions issued for South East Street**

Mickey Rathbun recounted testimony submitted to the Commission via e-mail and has requested that the Commission revoke the permit issued to Levi-Nielsen for the Strawberry Fields Development on South East Street. Carol Gray elaborated on the testimony. Kevin Eddings also spoke in support of revoking the Order of Conditions.

**Walker moved and Hamin seconded. VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to deny revoking the permit for lack of good cause.

**CPAC Projects**

John Gerber gave CPAC review

**PERMITS/CERTIFICATES**

**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 (6-0), to continue the public hearing to January 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the request of the applicant.

**Notice of Intent (Cont'd from 12/9/09) – Pocomo Road Nominee Trust (Barre Tozloski)** for landscaping within the Riverfront Resource Area located at 260 Leverett Road (Map 3A, parcels 6 & 10).

- Opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Steven Riberdy presented the revised plan, which includes a restoration area.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to close the public hearing and to issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions as requested by the applicant: 1) The applicant has the option of choosing an appropriate erosion control blanket based on availability 2) The area may be covered in sod should there be insufficient re-growth.

**Notice of Intent- Pocomo Road Nominee Trust (Barre Tozloski)** for construction of a barn and greenhouse within the Riverfront Resource Area and buffer zone(s) to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands located at 260 Leverett Road (Map 3A, parcels 6 & 10)

- Opened the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to continue the public hearing to January 27, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

#### **Request to Extend an Order of Conditions**

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to grant a three year extension of the Order of Conditions issued to Hampshire College for roadway construction.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS UNTIMED ITEMS:**

##### **Dam Removal Project**

Dave Ziomek presented the proposal to remove the dam east of the Amherst town line in Pelham. A group looking at ecology of Amethyst Brook and the Fort River saw the dam also as a high hazard. The Town will be receiving State and Federal support for this project.

##### **Public Shade Tree Committee Appointments**

**VOTED** (5-0-1), Angus, Kaplan, Allen, Gerber, Hamin, and Walker voted “Aye” and Stein abstained, to appoint Otto Stein as the Conservation Commission Representative to the Public Shade Tree Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to appoint H. Dennis Ryan to the Public Shade Tree Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

##### **Emergency Permit: Cherry Hill Golf Course**

**VOTED** unanimously (6-0), to ratify the Emergency Permit issued regarding the beaver dam breach at the Cherry Hill Golf Course.

##### **Puffer’s Pond 2020 Committee**

Elisabeth Hamin gave an update of the Committee’s progress.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**VOTED** unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:38 PM.