

**Conservation Commission Meeting  
October 28, 2015  
Town Room, Amherst Town Hall**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Boice, Vice Chair at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Boice, Allen, Healey, Brooks, Butler

Staff: Willson

**CHAIR, DIRECTOR & WETLANDS ADM REPORTS**

Willson stated our next meeting is 11/10 which is a Tuesday at the Community Rm at the APD, our second November mtg will be 11/23 which is a Monday in the Glass Rm at the Bangs Center. We will be reviewing an ANRAD for a parcel on University Dr. at the 11/23 mtg. Conservation staff is working on Land Management Plans for various conservation areas that will eventually come to the Commission for review. We will be bringing seven conservation restrictions before the Commission soon for review and approval. The trail at Fort River Farm that was permitted by the Commission is going to be mowed this week. All conditions, staying 10' from the wetland flags and doing turtle sweeps, will be followed. UMASS withdrew their application we reviewed at our last meeting regarding filling of a wetland to expand parking. The new Gull Pond beaver deceiver is functioning but the outflow pipe is going to be lowered because the pond level is still too high.

Willson stated there are two monitoring reports in the Commission's packets for the work on Tillson Farm Rd. One report is for where they are building the new transmission poles and one is for the mitigation area. Butler questioned their ability to identify the plants present down to the species.

Allen said the fence at the first farm along Station Rd is not being maintained.

**MINUTES**

No minutes were reviewed.

**PERMITS/DISCUSSIONS**

**7:15 PM Request for Determination** – Thomas Conte for brush hogging/mowing within Riverfront and buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at 265 Potwine Lane (Map 23A, Parcel 40).

Tom Conte, property owner, requests a continuation of the public meeting.

**Healey moved and Butler seconded. Commission VOTED (5-0-0)** to continue the public meeting to Monday, Nov. 23rd at 7:15pm.

**7:30 PM Request for Determination** – Thomas Conte for brush hogging/mowing within Riverfront and buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands on common land on Potwine Lane (Map 23A, Parcel 21).

Tom Conte, property owner, requests a continuation of the public meeting.

**Brooks moved and Healey seconded. Commission VOTED (5-0-0)** to continue the public meeting to Monday, Nov. 23rd at 7:30pm.

**Miscellaneous Untimed Items:**

- Certificate of Compliance – 682 Station Rd. - OOC for house construction

Willson stated this is a SFH built within buffer to BVW. There are two COCs being submitted, one for the OOCs to build the house, and the other for the OOCs for the subdivision infrastructure. We did a site visit this morning and didn't see anything marking the 30 ft setback as required in the OOCs. We didn't see anything marking the wetland line either. Where the 30' line should have been landscaped, areas have been filled in using filter fabric and mulch and replanted with decorative shrubs. Willson stated she recommends the Commission require the 30' line be marked prior to issuing the COC. She added you can ask for whatever type of marker is appropriate, boulders, little blue stakes, vegetation, or a fence. Brooks added they should remove any landscaping cloth within the 30' setback.

**Brooks moved and Healey seconded. Commission VOTED (4-0-1, Boice abstained)** to require the applicant to demarcate the 30' setback from the resource area, mark the 30' line using some kind of permanent marker approved by the Wetlands Administrator, and remove any landscaping cloth within the 30' setback.

Certificate of Compliance – 682 Station Rd. - OOC for subdivision infrastructure

Willson stated the although this OOCs got recorded on the title for this property, this lot is not actually a part of the OOCs. It was a recording mistake, but to get it off the title we need to issue a partial COC.

**Brooks moved and Butler seconded. Commission VOTED (4-0-1, Boice abstained)** to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for the OOCs for DEP #89-432.

- Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting

**Adjournment**

**Voted** unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 7:45 PM.

