

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2002
MINUTES**

7:05 PM The meeting was called to order by Chairman Owen.

Present were Owen, Auman, Clements and O'Connor. Morrison arrived at 8:15 PM

Absent were Chace and Corwin.

Certificate of Compliance – Meadowbrook – 169-462

James Patierno, developer of the Meadowbrook Subdivision, had submitted a report and photographs from Norse Environmental Services, Inc stating that the vegetation in the replication area was wetland species.

Member O'Connor moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 169-462, that the developer met the requirements.

The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 1. Owen abstained.

7:15 PM Discussion – Deerhaven

David Moulton, developer, and his Attorney, Robert Collins were present to speak to the Commission about the Deerhaven Subdivision.

Attorney Collins explained that they put in an earthen dam instead of hay bales where the pipe was going in. The manhole is a gravity line for three houses and not for the force main.

A plan of existing conditions will be submitted to the Commission.

Certificate of Compliance – Donoghue – Lot 4 Lovers Lane – 169-631

Michelle Collette was present to explain to the Commission that the work done to the drainage system at 45 Lovers Lane was according to the directive of the Erosion Control Committee, even though it was different from the Notice of Intent. The design in the NOI was not working and caused the side of the hill to collapse. What is there now is working.

Clerk Clements moved to issue a COC for 169-631. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7:45 PM Public Hearing – Groton School – Stables – Farmers Row

Clerk Clements read the public hearing notice to consider the Notice of Intent submitted by Groton School for an addition to the stable and replacement of storage sheds on Farmers Row on Assessors' Lot 219/2.

Attorney Collins represented the school. He explained that all work is in the buffer zone and the new renovations would be an improvement.

The members expressed concern with the debris in the wetland behind the stable. The School should not have outside storage of old appliances, etc. No debris from other operations at the school will be allowed in the buffer zone in the future.

Member O'Connor moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance – Groton School Playing Field – 169-454

The members inspected the field on Saturday, March 9, 2002.

Member O'Connor moved to issue a COC to Groton School for the playing field # 169-454. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Certificate of Compliance – Sewer Main – Joy Lane – 169-696

The Commission is unable to issue a COC for the sewer main project on Joy Lane. The silt fence is still in place and must be removed before a COC can be issued.

Certificate of Compliance – 98 Joy Lane – Septic System Hookup

Member O'Connor moved to issue a COC to Groton School for the tie-in of 98 Joy Lane to the school's septic system. The members inspected the site on Saturday. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8:00 PM Request for Determination – Veduccio – 6 Redskin Trail

Clerk Clements read the public notice to consider the Req. for Det. submitted by Frank Veducchio for repairs to the foundation of existing structure.

Mr. Veducchio was present and told the members that he would also like to change the driveway location.

The Commission will hold another site walk. In the meantime hay bales and silt fence should be put in place to prevent erosion to the lake from the foundation repair.

8:15 PM Public Hearing (con't) Town of Groton – Landfill Capping

Clerk Clements read the public hearing continuation notice.

Richard Spieler from Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc. was present.

The Commission received the letter from NHESP stating that the project would not have an adverse impact on habitat.

Member O'Connor moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

OOC written

Landfill Capping – 169-821

Chairman Owen moved significance, regular and special conditions. The motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

Richardson – 23 West Main Street – 169-820

Member O'Connor moved significance, regular and special conditions. The motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

Murray – 306 Boston Road – 169-823

Chairman Owen moved significance, regular and special conditions. The motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

Reynolds – 27 Cypress Road

A conference will be held on Friday, March 15 at the Public Safety Building to discuss what action will be taken concerning the stump dump at 27 Cypress Road.

Included in the conference will be the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Water Superintendent, Groton Conservation Trust, Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.

Complaint of Debris – 14 Island Road

The office received a complaint about debris being piled near the lake at the home of Amanda Whittaker, 14 Island Road. The members inspected the site and observed a lot of debris, including outboard motors that could have petroleum leaching into the lake.

A letter will be sent to Ms. Whittaker instructing her to clean up the area.

Debris on Boathouse Road

While the members were inspecting the work at 47 Boathouse Road on Saturday, they observed a lot of debris on a lot across the street. The owner will be determined and notified to clean it up.

8:35 PM Public Hearing (con't) – Landwest Dev. – Academy Hill

Don Yonika was present. He explained that the Planning Board issued a Special Permit for cluster development at Academy Hill. Beals Assoc. is now preparing a definitive subdivision plan. There are no wetlands on any house lots. 65% of the development is designated as open space.

He will come back with a new 40 scale plan after the next Planning Board meeting.

Measures will be taken to protect the turtles with a series of tunnels and special engineering of the roadway system.

Flat Pond Brook will be treated as a perennial stream.

There will be a 100 ft buffer around every vernal pool.

They have not gotten input from NHESP yet.

Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates, will be monitoring the turtles.

Member O'Connor moved to continue the hearing to March 26 and hearing scheduled for April 9 and April 23 as well.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

9:25 PM Other business**Certified Vernal Pool**

The Commission received notification from NHESP that a vernal pool has been certified on the Northwoods Conservation Land

Groton Hills Conservation Land

The members walked the site trailhead on Saturday and determined that it should be mowed twice a year to create a safer walking trail. Also, the Trails Committee should consider terracing the area of the steep slope off the cul-de-sac. It will be mentioned to the Trails Committee members who will be attending the Land Management meeting on March 20.

Member O'Connor moved to hire a contractor to mow the trail, twice a year, leading from the cul-de-sac on Kailey's Way to the Groton Hills Conservation Area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There had also been some reports of tree cutting on the Groton Hills Conservation Area. During the site walk it was determined that the trees were cut on private property and placed over an old trail to keep hikers on the Conservation land and off private property.

First Parish Church – Erosion to Drainage System

The members observed severe erosion to the drainage system on the First Parish Church property on Lowell Road. The siltation could be going to the catch basin and into the wetland. The building committee for the church will be notified to correct the problem. Temporary measures should be taken immediately to prevent siltation and then a plan for permanent repair should be submitted. Another site walk will be held on March 23.

Certificates of Compliance Issued**Miller – 255 Old Ayer Road – 169-406**

The members inspected the site on Saturday.

Member Morrison moved to issue a COC to Bruce Miller for the paddock and retention area at 255 Old Ayer Road. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A note will be sent to remove the silt fence. This requirement was not a part of the OOC at the time it was written.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Nyilis – 435 Chicopee Row - 169-449 and 169-652

The members inspected the site on Saturday.

Member Morrison moved to issue COC for 169-449 for the house construction and 169-652 for landscaping at 435 Chicopee Row. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Maguire – 400 Chicopee Row – 169-310

The members inspected the site on Saturday.

Member Morrison moved to issue a COC for house construction at 435 Chicopee Row. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Field – 382 Chicopee Row - 169-296

The members inspected the pond and driveway on Saturday.

Member O'Connor moved to issue a COC for 169-296. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ryan – 134 Wyman Road – 169-480

The members inspected the replication area on Saturday.

Member Morrison moved to issue a COC for the driveway and replication area for 169-480. The motion was seconded and passed 5 to 1. Owen abstained.

Groton Hill – Lots 9 & 10 Kailey's Way – 169-535

The members inspected the site on Saturday.

Member O'Connor moved to issue a COC to East View Corp for the driveway at Lots 9 & 10 on Kailey's Way 169-535. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Minutes – Feb. 12, 2002

Member O'Connor moved to accept the minutes of February 12, 2002. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Open Space Plan

The office has received two quotes so far for updating the Open Space Plan.

Beals and Thomas, Inc. quoted \$9750.

McGregor & Associates quoted \$19,250.

BSC Group has not submitted its quote as of today.

Member Morrison moved to hire Beals and Thomas, Inc. They did the original OSP and the Commission has waited and reminded BSC Group several times that it is waiting for a price.

The motion was seconded and passed 3 to 2.

Morrison, Owen and O'Connor voted yes and Auman and Clements voted no.

9:45 PM With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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