

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 12, 2002
MINUTES**

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

Present were Corwin, O'Connor, Auman, Clements. Morrison and Chace arrived 7:10.

Public Hearing – Groton Water Department

Clerk O'Connor read the public hearing notice to consider two Notices of Intent and a Request for Determination for New and Replacement Water Mains, Water Storage Tank and Water System Improvements submitted by the Town of Groton Water Department.

Thomas Orcutt, Water Dept. Superintendent and David Loring, from Tighe and Bond Engineering, were present to explain the applications.

Mr. Loring said that all the work is in a previously disturbed area.

Member Clements suggested they notify NHESP of the proposed work.

Member Morrison moved to close the hearing for the NOIs, DEP # 169-847 and DEP # 169-846, for the water mains and water system improvements. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Auman moved to issue a negative determination for the Request for Determination for the new storage tank on Chestnut Hill Road. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Representative to NHESP for Academy Hill meeting

Chairman Corwin would like to send a representative from the Commission to NHESP when they are meeting with the applicant for Academy Hill.

Member Clements reported that he was going to represent the Planning Board but did not know if any other boards were invited.

The applicant will be asked if it is appropriate to send someone from the Commission.

COC – Lex – 450 Old Dunstable Road- DEP # 169-772

The members inspected the site on Saturday. Member Auman moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Dennis and Jeanne Lex, 450 Old Dunstable Road. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

COC – Ferreri – 49 Island Road – DEP # 169-612

The members inspected the site on Saturday. Member Auman moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance to the Estate of Lillian Ferreri, 49 Island Road. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Req. for COC – Bushnell – 105 Northwoods Road – 169-792

The members inspected the site on Saturday and found that the limit of disturbance was not permanently marked. A Certificate of Compliance could not be issued at this time.

Req. for COC – Hartnett – 41 Martins Pond Road – 169-702

The members inspected the site on Saturday and found that the limit of disturbance was not permanently marked. A Certificate of Compliance could not be issued at this time.

Req. for COC – Fox Meadow Realty Co. - Lot 1 – 3 Fawn Terrace – 169-716

The members inspected the site on Saturday and found that the silt fence had not been removed for Lot 1. Mr. Moulton will be notified that a COC will be issued when the silt fence has been removed.

COC – Fox Meadow Realty Co. – Lot 13 – 38 Deerfield Dr – 169-629

The members inspected the site on Saturday.

Member Morrison suggested that a letter be sent to the homeowner explaining that brush and grass clippings should not be thrown over the bank into the wetland and that a Certificate of Compliance be issued for 169-629. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7:30 PM Public Hearing – Sampson – Point Road

Clerk O'Connor read the public hearing notice to consider the Notice of Intent submitted by Kristen Sampson to replace existing retaining wall on Point Road on Assessors' Lot 122/94.

Attorney Ray Lyons represented Ms. Sampson. He explained that Ms. Sampson wants to replace the existing wood retaining wall with a stone wall. The wall would be about 80 feet long.

Member Morrison remarked that the Commission has been requiring that no more than 49 feet could be replaced at a time. It has been the Commission's understanding that anything longer would require a wildlife study.

The members agreed that they must be consistent.

Member Morrison moved to issue a positive determination. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyons will file an NOI for the house renovation and addition and the retaining wall.

7:45 PM Certificate of Compliance – Cow Pond Brook Road

James Patierno, developer, was present.

The members inspected the installation of the water line on Cow Pond Brook Road, DEP # 169-712 and found the silt fence still in place. Member Morrison moved to issue a COC for the water line, but Ms. Montgomery will hold it in the office until the silt fence has been removed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

They also inspected Lot 1 and found all in compliance. Member Morrison moved to issue a COC for DEP # 169-710. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The members had concerns with the elevation discrepancy on Lot 2 and there was no recharge structure. Mr. Patierno marked the plan to show a 2-3 ft depression around the down spouts and redirecting the water away from the house.

Mr. Patierno spoke to the Commission about placing signs on the Meadowbrook Conservation Land and the Reedy Meadow Conservation Land. These are parcels he donated to the Commission. He would like to speak to his family and come up with some names for the parcels, and with the Commission's approval, will pay for signs to be placed on these sites.

He will come back to the Commission with names for its approval.

Gibbet Hill Conservation Restriction

The members had read and approved the language for the Gibbet Hill Conservation Restriction.

West Groton Pond – Stabilization

The Selectmen requested that the Commission inspect the West Groton (Thompson Mill) Pond on Route 225 at Townsend Road. The contractor failed to stabilize the access road when the work has halted for the winter.

The members inspected the site on Saturday and found erosion and no stabilization.

A letter will be sent to the Selectmen requesting that they instruct the contractor to correct the situation immediately.

GDRSD – Access Road – Dewatering

On Saturday, the members met with the contractor on site to inspect the area of the access road that is to be dewatered to enable machinery to construct the roadway. The proposed dewatering area was inside the limit of disturbance, so the members approved the dewatering proposal.

Vice Chairman Owen – Resignation

The members received an email from Mr. Owen that he was resigning from the Commission in order to apply for the Conservation Assistant position.

Vacancy on the Commission

Mr. Owen's resignation left a vacancy on the board. A notice will be placed in the Groton Herald advertising for someone to fill the vacancy.

NRWA - Request Letter of Support

Elizabeth Campbell contacted the office to ask to have the Commission write a letter of support for the nomination of

the NRWA for an Environmental Protection Watershed Initiative grant.

Member Morrison moved to send a letter of support to Robert Wayland, Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Trails on Batten Woods

The Trails Committee was marking trails on Batten Woods Village Open Space, but the land has not been deeded to the Commission at this time. Bruce Easom, from the Trails Committee, was in the audience and agreed to wait until the land is officially deeded before continuing with the work.

Reedy Meadow Conservation Land

Paul Funch from the Trails Committee sent an email that he observed the wetland was dry on the Reedy Meadow parcel. Mr. Delaney, Highway Surveyor, will be contacted to find out if he knows what happened.

Subcommittee to review Conservation Assistant Applications

A three-member subcommittee was formed to interview candidates for the Conservation Assistant position. Serving on this committee will be Kris Corwin, Peter Morrison and Kathleen O'Connor.

The position was advertised in local papers with the deadline of Nov. 19, 2002 for applications to be received. Six have been received so far.

Wiewel Conservation Land

Chairman Corwin and Mr. Easom will place rebar where the wooden stakes were installed by Dillis and Mische, Inc. on the Wiewel Conservation Land on Skyfields Drive.

Helene Cahen reported that there had been a log across the trail on Groton Hills that made a good horse jump. Someone cut it up and moved it.

The Commission gave Ms. Cahen permission to replace the log and mark it as a horse jump. She will notify the neighbors of the purpose of the log.

Comments to Planning Board

The Commission reviewed two plans for comments to the Planning Board.

North Middle School Renovation on Main Street - all work is outside the 100 ft buffer zone.

High Oak Realty Trust, Old Dunstable Road, shared driveway. There were no wetlands marked on the plan.

8:55 PM With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Conservation Assistant