

GROTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Chairman Bruce Easom called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. in the mailroom in Town Hall. Members Wayne Addy, Craig Auman, Marshall Giguere, Ryan Lambert, and David Pitkin were present. Peter Morrison was absent. Conservation Administrator Barbara Ganem was present.

Linda Tennyson-Loiselle has requested Commission authorization to hold a birthday party on the public portion of Gibbet Hill at the castle on April 17th with a rain date of April 24th. The event would be from 7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. Steve Webber has indicated he has no problem with these plans providing they access the site via the public trail. Members advised notifying the Police Chief and the Fire Chief if any fires are proposed. Crossing Rt. 40 at night could be problematic. Upon a motion by M. Giguere, seconded by D. Pitkin, it was

VOTED: to authorize the proposed birthday party at the castle on top of Gibbet Hill on April 17th with a rain date of April 24th.

C. Auman abstained from the vote

B. Ganem reported Tom Delaney will have access to road grindings from the upcoming repair work on Rt. 119 and has asked if the Commission would be interested in having him make improvements to the Petapawag Boat Launch driveway. Members recalled there had been difficulty with the stockpiling of what some people consider volatiles within the Wilkins floodway of the Nashua River. M. Giguere cautioned against treating the Town as a special applicant since this would not be an activity in the public way. It is also with 200 ft. of the Nashua River. It would essentially involve paving what is currently a dirt driveway.

The materials might be useful for the Fuccillo parking area or possibly the Bertozzi parking area which is under state control. Members suggested asking if temporary storage is a possibility. Upon a motion by D. Pitkin, seconded by M. Giguere, it was

VOTED: to authorize B. Ganem to file a Request for Determination of Applicability for the Town-owned Petapawag Boat Launch for improvements to the driveway.

The motion passed, with W. Addy voting in opposition.

Desiring to view the Fuccillo and Bertozzi properties, members agreed a site visit was in order. Upon a motion by W. Addy, seconded by R. Lambert, It was

VOTED: to temporarily adjourn the meeting to 10:30 a.m.

A notice was posted on the back door Town Hall that the meeting would resume at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Easom re-opened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. when a quorum of members reconvened in the mail room to discuss the use of the road tailings. M. Giguere said the roadway at the Fuccillo property appears to be at least partially on the GELD portion of the property, and we would need to have their permission to locate a parking area. The Bertozzi area is on the state portion of that property, and they would have to agree to the use of the grindings, and it would require a wetlands filing because of the proximity of Flat Pond Brook. B. Easom pointed out the Fuccillo parcel does not really need it because the ground is stable and not muddy. The only property over which the Commission has control is Petapawag, and we've already voted to authorize an application providing the materials can be stored at another site. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara V. Ganem
Conservation Administrator

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