

LITTLETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for Meeting
November 2, 2009

Present: James Pickard, Sarah Seaward, Carl Melberg, Dan Lord, Ian Gunn and Frank Matheson, and Peter Tierney

The meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: James had a few items he wanted to add to the agenda including about the gift of land off of Taylor Street and to see if Ian had any updates on Aspen Road.

Minutes: Sarah had a few corrections to the minutes. Sarah made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Dan seconded the motion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Gift of Land – James asked Heather if she had any information on the site. Heather mentioned that she did contact Savas Danos from Light and Water and he said that they would be willing to care for the land since it is near a water source. Heather mentioned that she had lost Allen McNiff's phone number and had been unable to contact him regarding the site.

Aspen Road – Ian mentioned that there he has no further updates on the site and that Town Council is still collecting information.

Notice of Intent for Lee Adams 31 Snow Drive DEP File No. 204-671. Andrew Pojasek from Goldsmith, Prest and Ringwall was present at the time of the hearing. The hearing was continued from an earlier meeting back on September 28th. A site visit took place back on Monday October 5th, while on site the commissioners present requested that an existing drain that was found on site be kept clear and has the hay bale line moved away from the drain. Sarah mentioned that she would like to have a note on the site stating that no one should drive over the existing drain that was found. Ian proposed issuing an Order of Conditions for DEP File No. 204-671. Sarah seconded the motion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Request for Determination of Applicability for 51 Nagog Hill Road. Mr. Bob Morse the home owner was present at the time of the hearing. Mr. Morse stated that he is looking to build a shed on the property for storage use. There will be a trench dug for the foundation that will be back filled. Ian went out to look at the site on Saturday the 31st and he mentioned that the erosion control should be placed on top of the slope but the ledge does not make that possible and should then be placed at the bottom after all the rocks. James asked if they will be bringing in any fill to do grading. Mr. Morse mentioned that some fill will need to be brought in to level off the yard but not much. Ian mentioned that there are 5 trees that need to be removed for the project and are marked on site. James asked if there are plans to put electrical in the garage and if so if the trench was requested. Mr. Morse said that they will put electrical in the garage at some point but would like to add that to the plans. Ian made a proposal to issue a Negative #3 Determination for 11 Nagog Hill Road. Peter seconded the motion the vote in favor was 6 to 1. Sarah voted as present.

Notice of Intent for 64 Bulkeley Road DEP File No. 204-672. Kevin Ritchie from Civil Solutions was present at the time of the hearing. Kevin submitted to the commission a copy of

the letter he had is going to send to the Boxborough Conservation Commission. Kevin also mentioned that they had added a deck and bulkhead to the plans along with check dams and a grass swale. The hearing will be continued until the next meeting on November 16th, so the Boxborough Conservation Commission can submit any concerns they may have.

Discussion – 85 Matawanakee Trail. The home owner Richard Gilpatrick was present at the time of the discussion. Mr. Gilpatrick presented the Commission with some plans showing what has been done on the property and what still needs to be done to the property. Sarah asked Mr. Gilpatrick to walk them through the plans. Sarah asked if every thing has been put to grade yet. Mr. Gilpatrick mentioned that the walls are to grade and that the shed has been moved, mulch and fence are not in place yet. Sarah mentioned that while on site she noticed that the area can be planted with vegetation, and a planting schedule needs to be proposed. Ian mentioned that the Public Hearing on the site will take place at the next meeting on the 16th at 7:35 p.m., and at that time the Commission would like to have a plan with erosion control on it along with the work that has been done, a planting schedule and a list of what still needs to be done on site.

Discussion – 215 Harwood Ave Joseph Pittorino. Joseph Pittorino was present at the time of the discussion. Mr. Pittorino submitted Storm Water Management Plan dated 10/14/2005 to the Commission. Sarah questioned if the plans needed to be renewed. Mr. Pittorino said that he did not know and that Bill French was the one that submitted Storm Water Plans. Sarah asked Mr. Pittorino if any clean up or work had been done on site. Mr. Pittorino stated that he was waiting for the Commission to give him permission before he did anything on site. Sarah invited the Conservation Trust members that were present to look at the Storm Water Plans, since they have property abutting Mr. Pittorino that has silt runoff on it. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that he did not know there was silt that had gone off the property and if he is shown where it is he will clean it up. Sarah mentioned that DEP approval would be needed for the composting operation on site. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that he is in the process with DEP and also the Selectman to get a permit for the removal of soil. Ian mentioned that with the compost piles and large amounts of fill that have been brought in they have created isolated areas subject to flooding which are protected areas. Sarah mentioned that the area needs to be reflagged so show the wetland areas. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that the property was never flagged and the only flags on site are from when the Bumblebee Lane went in. Sarah mentioned that the Storm water plan is out dated and there is fill going into wetlands off the property which needs to stop. Mr. Pittorino mentioned that he can dig out the retention pond to make it bigger but he will not be able to stop the runoff. Sarah mentioned going back out on site with some Trust members to show Mr. Pittorino where the silt issues are and to get an idea on where water and soil samples should be taken. A walk though of the site will take place on November 3rd at 3 p.m. and a letter will be sent to Mr. Pittorino and Bill French with the requests the Commission has for the site including new site plans.

Certificate of Compliance 35 Harwood Ave Francis and Rebecca Quinn. Dan went out on site over the weekend and noticed that everything is stable and the site has started to grow some grass. Dan made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 35 Harwood Ave. Sarah seconded the motion the vote in favor was unanimous.

Certificate of Compliance 324 Harwood Ave Mark Burbine. Dan went out on site over the weekend and noticed that the area was growing and everything was stabilized. Dan made a

motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 324 Harwood Ave. Sarah seconded the motion; the vote in favor was unanimous.

Carl left the meeting

Discussion – Don MacIver Conservation Restriction. Don MacIver from the Conservation Trust was present at the time of the discussion. Don is before the Commission for an update and signature for the Conservation Restriction at Vera Cohen's property at Omega Way. Don needs to have the Commission sign a Municipal Certificate stating that it is important to save the land and the reasons why. Don has prepared the letter for the Commission to sign and read it out loud to the Commission. Don also went over a brief history of the site and showed them some pictures of the area to show its importance and why it needs the Restriction. Frank made a motion to sign the Municipal Certificate as prepared by Don MacIver. Dan seconded the motion the vote in favor was 5 to 1, Sarah voted as present.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Next Meetings: 11/16 and 11/30