

**TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes of Thursday, May 19, 2016**

Approved 11/6/2018
Sturbridge Center Office Building, 2nd Floor

Meeting Called to Order: **6:00 – 6:55 pm** The Commissioners working session for a continuation of review of the Bylaws

7:00 pm Reconvene Meeting for Regular Business

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 pm.

Quorum Check: Confirmed

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman
 David Barnicle (DB), Vice Chair
 Steve Chidester (SC)
 Steve Halterman (SH)

Absent: Joe Kowalski (JK) (was later present for regular meeting)

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (CG), Conservation Agent
 Anne Renaud-Jones (ARJ), Conservation Clerk
 Applicants and/or Audience Members: No one present.

Chapter 9 - Forestry

- Glenn explained that what is being reviewed tonight looks very different from the previous version. The previous version had been taken directly from the DCR Best Management Practices Manual. Within the text, readers are advised to see current DCR BMP Manual, because it is frequently updated.

Chapter 9; Paragraph 1:

- 2nd sentence: DB wants to make sure the word habitat is included as areas protected from impact.
- Change the 2nd to last sentence to read “and communicate those concerns to the State Service Forester and the originator of the FCP.” After reviewing the Plan, the Conservation Commission will then issue a recommendation for approval or denial to the BOS.”

Chapter 9; Paragraph 2:

- Revise first sentence to read, “Protect and preserve as part of the approval process the Conservation Commission shall protect and preserve” Remove, “ensure emphasis is placed on protecting and preserving” keep, “stone walls.”
- 2nd sentence: Discussion to include “50% basal zone” language. Final decision was to leave as is.

Chapter 9; Performance Standards:

- Line 5 regarding bridges: How/Where?
- Line 6 regarding ruts: Revise as follows: Landings and roads shall be left in a stable condition at the completion of the timber harvest. Remove, “All ruts shall be repaired” keep, “Ruts will be repaired by flattening or smoothing, whether in wetlands, buffer zones, or upland areas of the harvest. Seeding as appropriate to stabilize soils.”
- Line 7 regarding invasive species: Revise “Invasive plant monitoring and control may be required to protect resource areas” to “Where invasive species arise within a logging area, the logger may be required to take remedial action.”
- Slash and snags shall be left on site and handled according to the most recently published MA-Forestry-BMP Manual; (*see Massachusetts Slash Law Requirements*).