

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Addendum for Minutes of April 6, 2017
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

Members Present: Ed Goodwin (EG), Chairman Absent: David Barnicle
Steve Chidester (SC)
Steve Halterman (SH)
Paul Zapun (PZ)

Others Present: Glenn Colburn (GC), Conservation Agent
Anne Renaud-Jones (ARJ), Conservation Clerk

CHAPTER 5: Resource Areas, Values, Presumptions of Significance and General Performance Standards

- Discussion took place regarding the word “Presumptions”- the final agreement to keep this word; and to put the word presumptions into the definitions in Chapter 2.
- Section 5.23.3 Presumption: Line 1: First sentence ends with a reference to WPA Regulation 310 CMR 10.56(3): The discussion/decision to take the reference out and instead insert the actual first sentence from the regulation.
- Discussion to remove, “Refer to MA Wetlands Protection Act Regulations 310 CMR 10.56 (3) of Presumption: Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways (Under any Creek, River, Stream, Pond or Lake)” and instead insert, “Where a project involves removing, filling, dredging or altering of Land under Water Bodies and Waterways, the issuing authority shall presume that such area is significant to the interests specified in” remove, “310 CMR 10.56(1)” from Sec 5.3.1.
- Discussion took place regarding use of “Refer to WPA Regulation” and insertion of actual text, as well as the apparent inconsistency throughout. Decision to have Glenn/Anne review document and see if the Sturbridge Conservation Commission (SCC) can eliminate some references.
- Discussion regarding intermittent streams: Some Commissioners questioned our list for the intermittent streams, based on our conversation August 2016; GC clarified that there is no list because so many of these intermittent streams have no name; there will, instead, be a master MAP, entitled Enhanced Protection of Intermittent Streams kept by the Agent, edited periodically by the Commission. This document is now reference in the bylaw regulations in Chapter 5.5(2).