

## Sturbridge Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

*Approved 11/6/2018*

6:00 PM Open Meeting – Quorum check

Present: Edward Goodwin; Chair (EG)  
Steven Chidester; Vice Chair (SC)  
David Barnicle (DB)  
Steve Halterman (SH)

Absent: Paul Zapun (PZ)

Also Present: Rebecca Gendreau, Conservation Agent (RG); Ashley Piascik, Administrative Assistant (AP); Gaye Kenyon (GK); Bill Kenyon (BK); Raoul Ricard (RR); Suzanne Brozek (SB); Leigh Darrin (LD); William Clougherty (WC).

#### Committee Updates:

CPA: Met last night and approved funding the removal of a shed on the Plimpton Property. Tear down will be about \$8, 300.00.

Trail Committee: Will meet on the second Thursday of October. RG will be at the meeting. DB will not be present.

Open Space Committee: None.

Lakes Advisory Committee: None.

Approval of minutes: *September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

--Motion (DB): 2<sup>nd</sup> (SC) to approve the minutes as modified, VOTE: AIF (4-0).

#### Public Hearings

6:15 **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation; DEP File#300-1017; Continued from 6/7/18;** 14 & 50 Douty Road; P. O'Connell; represented by Bertin Engineering, Inc.; Confirming the extent of wetland resource areas.

*Public hearing will be continued to October 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting.*

6:30 **Notice of Intent; DEP File#300-1018; Continued from 6/7/18;** Douty Road and Stallion Hill Rd.; O'Connell, P.; Represented by Bertin Engineering, Inc.

*Public hearing will be continued to October 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting.*

#### Old Business

- Bylaw Regulation Revisions

Comments: Reviewed e-mail with information from KPLaw. RG will work on finalizing the red lined draft for approval at the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Commission to vote on.

## Enforcement

- Enforcement Order, MA DOT Cedar Lake drainage issues  
Comments: Presented by MA DOT highway division member (WC). Shared constructed 2009 plan with updated revisions and added information. A lot of the infrastructure by MA DOT Cedar Lake drainage was built in the mid-1950s with a steep 2:1 slope. Pipes have failed due to the age of infrastructure. Shared photographs to demonstrate the failing pipes. Showed an example of a repair completed along the highway in another town, to demonstrate proposed work for this location.

### Board questions:

- What distance is that collecting from on the road?
- Normal distance between drop inlets normally? Typically, 200 to 250 feet depending on the profile of the road.
- Taking out the pipe would create erosion problems.
- We are going to be removing that old section of metal pipe and replacing it with the plastic pipe and then daylighting it. That pipe will come out of the slope and drain onto that stone pad.
- SC: I don't think we want to fill that with gravel, it will create the issue all over again
- Put a masonry plug at the top of it.
- How big is the splash pad going to be?
- Length and width of the splash pad? Minimum of five feet by ten feet. Larger splash pad may be required due to steep slope and additional measures (compost socks).
- Stabilize the slope.
- Details are missing. Write something down and send it to Conservation Agent. We are going to x, y and z before the contractors start working.
- This is an emergency repair. This is not a final repair. We need to be told that you are going to go in during draw down and clean out the damage that has been done: has to have a phase two plan. Also, other failed drainage structures in area require repairs.
- Come to the Conservation Commission with a plan to mitigate the damage.
- Improvement need to be made. Should be maintained better than it was, moving forward.
- Write down what will be done and send it to Conservation Agent before work begins.
- Get a work plan that describes each area, how it will be accessed. Could probably be done by the highway. Clearly define that information. Protect the scour hole for now, if possible within the next week and a half, etc.

### Public questions:

- RR: On the original pipe, was it designed to dissipate into the land, or flow right into Cedar Lake when it was done? –A flare end, the end of the existing pipe, like a spreader. Water comes through the pipe and it spreads out. You are dissipating the energy. What was there preexisting was stone pad at the bottom, just at the downstream of that flare end.
- Concerned about eroding and going into Cedar Lake
- SB, President of the Cedar Lake Association. Consider drawn down dates. After drawn down which is after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

--Will need to create a work plan detailing how phase one pipe repair will be done. Next, will work with the Conservation Commission to address the other phases and how they plan to move forward.

## Signatures

### Request for Certificate of Compliance

- DEP File #300-787: 39 Bennetts Road; Kenyon, W. (*Signed*).  
Comments: Construction for a garage addition on the property. No concerns. Small shed, existing. Was noted to come off, but not by the Conservation Commission.  
--Motion (DB): 2<sup>nd</sup> by (SC) to approve the two signatures for DEP File #300-787 and DEP File#300-280, VOTE: AIF (4-0).
- DEP File #300-280: 39 Bennetts Road; Kenyon, W. (*Signed*).  
Comments: Asking for a signature for the construction of the home. There were no ongoing conditions at the time.  
--Motion (DB): 2<sup>nd</sup> by (SC) to approve the two signatures for DEP File #300-787 and DEP File#300-280, VOTE: AIF (4-0).

### Orders of Conditions

- DEP File #300-1024; 84 McGargle Rd, Sikes, A. (*Signed*).

## Letter Permits

- Tree Removal Permit Application; 326 The Trail; Colognesi, E.  
Comments: 3 Dead pine trees, clearly dead, no concerns from Conservation Agent.  
VOTE: AIF (4-0).
- Tree Removal Permit Application; 110 Westwood Drive; J, D'Andrea.  
Comments: *Approved*, At least four bushes to be put in as replacement.
- Tree Removal Permit Application; 274 Big Alum; Roscioli, V.  
Comments: Site visit was conducted, no concerns.  
VOTE: AIF (4-0).
- Tree Removal Permit Application; 72 Fairview Park; Hebert, S.  
Comments: The trees appear to be on the town property, which makes this decision out of Conservation's jurisdiction at this time. The applicant may need to come back for further Conservation review, once specific details have been derived.
- Tree Removal Permit Application; 328 The Trail; Falcone, D.  
Comments: 3 Dead pine trees as well, clearly dead.  
VOTE: AIF (4-0).
- Wetland Bylaw Letter Permit Application; 16 Audubon Way; Dodson, R.  
Comments: Filed an RDA in 2014, walkway, fire pit, etc. Received approval. She contacted to touch base. Their permit has since expired. Very small amount of work that needs to be done is left. Plan was approved through the RDA process. A bulk of the work was done in regard to the RDA-some was left over. The Conservation Agent decided to have the applicant file for a letter permit. Have the old silt fence come out. Remaining work should not generate erosion. The date of the application was submitted on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
--Motion (DB): 2<sup>nd</sup> (SC) to approve the letter permit submitted on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, VOTE: AIF (4-0).

Informal discussion:

- Discussed scheduling upcoming meetings
- November meetings will be Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Will need to schedule a public hearing for the Bylaw Regulation Revision, draft will be presented to the Commission on the October 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting. Approx. public hearing will be the end of November.

Adjourn

SC made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DB, VOTE: AIF (4-0).