



Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA01432 * 978-772-8218 * 978-772-3017(fax)

Minutes for **06/26/08** – **Approved 07/10/08**

Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor

Members present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), David Bodurtha (DB, Vice-chair), Takashi Tada (TT, Clerk), George Bacon (GB), Jessica Gugino (JG), Denis Luken (DL), Becky DaSilva-Conde (CA, Conservation Administrator)

APAC taped: No

Start (7:00 PM)

- **Meeting Minutes Approval**
 - JG moved to approve 06/12/08 meeting minutes, with minor edits; DB 2nd.

- **Payables**
 - Grafax invoice in amount of \$125.00
 - For printing of pond informational letter, 125 double-sided color copies.
 - DB moved to pay Grafax invoice, from pond weed control funds; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
 - Lowell Sun invoice in amount of \$93.50
 - For legal ads for 2 Wright Way and 9 Bishop Road. CA received payment from both applicants.
 - JG moved to pay Lowell Sun invoice; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.

- **Public Hearing: NOI – 12 Willow Road (Hybricon)**
 - Eric Rudenauer of GPR, representing Daniels Island Enterprises LLC.
 - Mr. Rudenauer submitted legal ad payment and copies of certified mail green cards.
 - Project involves abandoning the existing septic tank and installing sewer pipe and pump station to tie-in to Town wastewater infrastructure along Willow Road.
 - All work will occur within the existing disturbed area on the Hybricon lot.
 - Pump station will be located within the existing septic tank footprint.
 - Catch basins will be protected with mesh fabric during construction.
 - Project plans were submitted to DPW and BOH for review.
 - CA conducted site walk to review the proposed work – no issues to report.
 - GB moved to approve NOI application for 12 Willow Road; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
 - DB reminded Mr. Rudenauer to have haybales inspected by CA before starting work.
 - GB moved to continue hearing to 07/10/08; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
 - CA to prepare OOC and Special Conditions.

- **Public Hearing (cont'd): RDA – Boston & Maine Railroad**
 - Mr. Keith Morris was not present.
 - Project involves application of herbicide along the right-of-way, from Nemco Way to Littleton Town Line.



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- Herbicide to be applied is Roundup, at low concentrations.
- GB and JG attended site walk with Mr. Morris – no issues to report.
- GB moved to approve a ‘negative’ determination for B&M Railroad; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
- **Public Hearing (cont’d): OOC Extension – Crabtree Development (Ridge View Heights)**
 - Received written request for extension of Lot 70-A (DEP # 100-0278) and Lot 134 (DEP # 100-0276).
 - DB moved to approve 3-year OOC extensions; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
- **Public Hearing: COC – 1 Pheasant Circle (Lot 1-A, DEP # 100-0289)**
 - Request for COC on Lot 1-A by Canney Bros. LLC, not present.
 - BD walked the site back in April as part of the 82 Groton School Road project.
 - CA also walked the site for Pheasant Circle residents Nix and Stiles.
 - DB moved to issue COC for Lot 1-A, Pheasant Circle; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved (4 aye; 1 abstain)
- **Discussion: Violation Notice – 88 Central Avenue**
 - DB will draft a Violation Notice for Mr. Coke, 88 Central Ave., for unauthorized activities within the wetland buffer zone.
- **Discussion: Chapter 91 Mailing for Pond Abutters**
 - Janet Berube has been assisting CA with preparation of mailings.
 - CA provided examples of the mailings that will be sent out.
 - Includes information on Ch. 91 and the pond weed control pamphlet.
- **Discussion: Pond Weed Control – Scope of Work for Weed Monitoring**
 - BD sent written request to Town for ‘rollover’ of approved weed control funds into FY09.
- **Discussion: Creation of Private Beaches**
 - Several residents on Sandy Pond and Flannagan Pond have created artificial beaches.
 - How should Commission handle existing and future beach projects?
 - Commission will consult J. Gensel, Central Region Wetlands Circuit Rider, for advice.
- **Discussion: Icehouse Partners (Ice House Dam)**
 - Do they need to file RDA or NOI for annual dam inspection?
 - CA will contact Ann Gagnon to see how Shirley is handling this issue.
- **Discussion: Monthly Meeting Schedule, Oct.-Dec. 2008**
 - Commission discussed potential scheduling conflicts in the latter part of 2008.
 - Potential conflicts include Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
 - Commission will hold meetings on the following dates:



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- October 9 & 23
- November 6 & 20
- December 4 & 18

- **Discussion: Ayer Stormwater Bylaw**
 - Although the Stormwater Bylaw was approved at ATM, its implementing regulations have yet to be codified.
 - DPW wants to continue convening the Stormwater Committee to assist in development of the regulations.

- **Announcements/Other Issues**
 - The updated Devens Open Space/Recreation Plan has been finalized and signed.
 - Shaker Hills Golf Course provided a copy of its Groundwater Sampling Report.
 - JG: There is a certified wildlife veterinarian in Lunenburg.
 - GB: MassWildlife held a meeting re: wildlife survey of North Post.
 - Survey found many rare and endangered species.
 - TT will request a copy of the report from MassDevelopment.
 - GB: CA's weekly hours for FY09
 - CA will have 10 hours/week under the regular budget line item.
 - CA will also have 4 hours/week under the Stormwater Bylaw line item. However, these funds may not be available until the implementing regulations are in place.
 - In the interim, may cover the 4 hours/week from Wetlands Funds.
 - GB moved to fund 4 hours/week from Wetlands Funds, through 09/26/08; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unan.
 - CA: Prioritization of tasks
 - File organization, with assistance from J. Berube.
 - Permit tracking, especially those issued in 2005 and 2006.
 - Informational kiosk packet.

- GB moved to adjourn; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn (9:50 PM)