



Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

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Minutes for **07/24/08** – **Approved 08/14/08**

Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor

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

APAC taped: Yes

Start (7:00 PM)

- **Meeting Minutes Approval**

- GB moved to approve 07/10/08 meeting minutes, with minor correction on page 1; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Payables**

- Lowell Sun bills:
 - \$44.20 for B&M Railroad legal ad; check from B&M was received.
 - \$44.20 for 12 Willow Road legal ad; check from GPR was received.
 - DB moved to approve payment of Lowell Sun bills; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- Invoice re: CPA Article 23
 - \$931.28 for trail kiosks (original approved amount was \$1,200.00).
 - GB moved to approve payment of CPA Article 23 invoice; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Announcements**

- Received memo from TA Shaun Suhoski re: Pan-Am/Norfolk Southern joint venture to construct auto unloading facility within Spectacle Pond Zone II Aquifer.
- 2008 Meeting Dates: CA provided copy of 2008 posted meeting schedule.
- Received letter from Littleton Conservation Trust, in support of Groton's conservation grant application for property at the Groton-Littleton-Ayer town line.
- Received memo from Finance Committee outlining new rules for Reserve Fund transfers.
- Point of information: Public hearings need to be advertised at least 5 days in advance of meeting. Also required to notify Planning Board and Board of Health by mail.

- **Public Hearing: Amended OOC – Ayer DPW Grove Pond Well Replacement (DEP #100-0310)**

- Jeff Murawski and Stephanie Tarves, of Tata & Howard.
- Wells 1 and 2 were replaced last year under the OOC.
- The request to amend the OOC is for a third production well to be installed slightly upgradient from the others.
 - Installation will require leveling of the slope.
 - Pump tests will be staggered to minimize stress to wetlands during discharge.
- CA will coordinate site walk.
- JG asked if the proposed Army Reserve facility on property south of the well field would have any impact on the wells.



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- Tata & Howard are not aware of the project, but will follow up with Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Tata & Howard will bid the contract asap. Construction will occur late summer/fall.
 - DB moved to continue hearing to 8/14/08 for preparation of amendment; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Tata & Howard also asked about filing requirements for test wells at Spectacle Pond to potentially locate a new production well.
 - RDA, NOI, or Abbreviated NOI?
 - CA sent an email to DEP Circuit Rider to get clarification on NOI vs. Abbreviated NOI.
 - CA will add test wells discussion to the 8/14/08 meeting agenda.
- **Public Hearing: NOI for Long Pond Bridge – Ayer Greenway Committee/Boy Scout Troop 3**
 - Doug Becker et al. from Troop 3.
 - Long Pond Bridge construction project will help the Eagle Scout candidates in the Troop.
 - Bridge measures 32' L x 4' W x 3.5' H, and will be built in two phases.
 - Existing concrete supports were installed by DPW.
 - Materials are being supplied by GV Moore Lumber, at cost.
 - Mr. Becker is investigating the requirements for ADA accessibility.
 - Can a ramp be constructed without any soil excavation?
 - Scouts have submitted building permit application with Gabe V.
 - BD suggested issuing a Negative determination of applicability with special condition(s) applicable to ADA ramp construction, including a 'no excavation' provision.
 - JG moved to approve negative determination; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Commissioners signed signature page of form.
 - **Public Hearing (cont'd): NOI – 12 Willow Road (DEP #100-0138)**
 - Commission discussed Special Conditions to be included with the OOC, using Stony Brook project as a reference.
 - GB moved to approve NOI with Special Conditions, as discussed; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - TT will forward copy of Special Conditions for Stony Brook project to CA.
 - CA will prepare OOC for applicants.
 - GB moved to close hearing; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - **Public Meeting: COC – 7 Pheasant Circle (DEP #100-0315)**
 - CA conducted site walk with applicant Cary Nix – no issues to report.
 - GB moved to approve COC for Mr. Nix; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - **CA Updates**
 - Site walk at Elizabeth Estates: Norwood/Washington Street end of site looked okay, but erosion controls near Highland Street were in need of attention.



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- Remediation at 9 Bishop Road: On hold due to equipment being held up at customs.
 - Central Avenue Pumping Station: DPW will reduce scope of project due to funding constraints.
 - Perimeter fence will be not be installed (no need to disturb vegetation along shore).
 - Engineers are having trouble designing a covered containment berm for the generator.
 - Generator will be powered by natural gas. Only concern re: spillage is from the engine lubricant, which amounts to a few quarts of oil.
 - Covered berm will not be required.
 - CA is waiting for specs from the engineer.
 - Office files: Janet Berube has made some progress on office file organization, but most of her time recently has been spent on the pond mailing.
 - Pond mailing: Packets are ready to go, but the mailing list needs to be updated.
 - Pond Weed Control SOW: nothing new to report.
 - CA Work Schedule: provided a handout with breakdown of hours spent on tasks.
 - Ice House Dam: Icehouse Partners will file a NOI for annual maintenance work.
 - Sandy Pond Investment Trust: Ed Cornellier requested a project timeline of his ANRAD filing in 2005.
 - CR for Sandy Pond Estates: Attorneys for the project asked to be placed on the next meeting agenda, 8/14/08.
- GB moved to adjourn; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

Adjourn (10:10 PM)