



Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

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Minutes for **12/4/08** – **Approved 01/08/09**

Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room

Members present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), George Bacon (GB), Takashi Tada (TT, Clerk), Jessica Gugino (JG), Becky DaSilva-Conde (CA, Conservation Administrator)

Not present: Dave Bodurtha (Vice-Chair)

APAC taped: Yes

7:00 PM

- **Accounts Payable**
 - Len-Art Press: \$41.46
 - Nameplate for JG and “Vice-Chair” plate.
 - GB moved to approve payment of bill; TT 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Announcements**
 - New England Power Company will be conducting routine weed treatment in 2009 along its powerlines.
 - CA will ask Board of Health if there are any private wells near powerlines.
 - BOS sent reminder to boards re: procedure for locking doors and turning off lights at Town Hall.
 - Surface Transportation Board sent memo to Town re: Environmental Assessment of joint operation agreement between Guilford/PanAm and Norfolk Southern.
 - Deadline for comments is 12/15/08.
- **Public Meeting (cont'd): RDA for Temporary Dock Permit – 2 Wright Way**
 - Keith Henderson, 2 Wright Way, presented his revised plan for a temporary dock permit.
 - He added the rock wall and beach nourishment area to the plan.
 - GB moved to issue a Negative Determination for Mr. Henderson; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Public Hearing: OOC Extension for Pond Weed Control – Ayer Conservation Commission**
 - The Town’s permit (DEP #100-0293) for pond weed control expires 2/9/09.
 - CA: The file does not contain a recorded copy of the OOC.
 - Will contact ACT to see if they have a recorded copy.
 - GB moved to extend the OOC for three years (2/9/12); JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Discussion: 2009 Meeting Dates**
 - November and December meetings adjusted to avoid conflict with holidays.
 - CA will post meetings accordingly.
- **Updates**
 - Stratton Hill: no news from Dave Moulton re: new NOI application.



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- Is he allowed to access (i.e. drive onto) his property with expired OOC?
- There is hunting access, and possibly tree removal or other activities occurring.
- CA will send a letter to Mr. Moulton.
- Violation Notice for hydroseeding company: pending (BD).
- Chapter 91 meeting, scheduled on 12/10/08, had to be canceled due to lack of meeting space in Town Hall.
 - CA will reschedule sometime in January 2009.
- TT: The ACEC program only reviews projects if they are within an ACEC and if they meet MEPA review thresholds.
- CA: the next meeting will include:
 - COC request from Hybricon.
 - NOI application from Crabtree Development (Pingry Hill/Ridgeview).
 - COC request from Crabtree Dev.
 - There may be unresolved siltation issues at the site.
- **Discussion: Pond Weed Control Contract with ACT**
 - BD believes ACT has satisfied all of its contractual obligations, including post-treatment monitoring and reporting.
 - BD summarized ACT's weed control activities to date.
 - Water-lilly and bladderwort are native species, while robin's pondweed is considered beneficial.
 - Patrick Hughes has issues with the handling of the contract and has requested a meeting with BOS. Mr. Hughes also would like to revisit the procedure for lowering the ponds (removal of boards at Balch Pond Dam).
 - JG: Pond water levels are also influenced by heavy rain events.
 - Dominic Meringolo of ACT will attend the 2/12/09 Conservation Commission meeting.
- **Adjourn (8:45 PM)**
 - JG moved to adjourn; GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.