



Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA01432 * 978-772-8218 * 978-772-3017(fax)
Minutes for **09/13/07** – **Approved**

Location: Town Hall

Members present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), David Bodurtha (DB, Vice-chair), George Bacon (GB), Takashi Tada (TT, Clerk)

Not present: Susan Tordella-Williams (ST), Denis Luken (DL, Associate Member)

APAC taped: Yes

Start time: 7:00 pm

- **Meeting Minutes Approval**
 - Commission reviewed/amended meeting minutes from 08/09/07 and 08/23/07.
 - GB moved to approve meeting minutes as amended; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Payables**
 - Invoice for legal notices in Lowell Sun re: Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) pond weed treatment, in the amount of \$226.29.
 - GB moved to approve payment of the invoice; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Invoice for legal notices in Lowell Sun re: 1 Wagon Road and Stratton Hill Subdivision public hearings, in the amount of \$69.70.
 - GB moved to approve payment of the invoice; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Invoice for legal notice in Lowell Sun re: Nashoba Valley Medical Center (NVMC) public hearing, in the amount of \$30.60.
 - GB moved to approve payment of the invoice; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Invoice from ACT for weed treatment at Pine Meadow Pond, in the amount of \$4,750.00
 - Amount needs to be verified.
 - TT moved to approve payment of the invoice, subject to verification of the amount; GB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - BD to verify amount stated in the contract.
- **Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent (NOI) re: 71 Sandy Pond Road (DEP # 100-309)**
 - Commission reviewed the draft Order of Conditions (OOC) and draft Special Conditions with the applicant, Mark Velardi.
 - Mr. Velardi agreed to abide by the conditions as written.
 - GB moved to approve the OOC and Special Conditions; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - GB moved to close the hearing; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Continued Public Hearing – NOI re: DPW Grove Pond Wells Replacement**
 - Special Conditions were approved last meeting, 08/23/07.
 - OOC form is not completed.



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- GB moved to approve the OOC and Special Conditions, pending completion of the OOC form; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- BD will complete OOC form and forward to members for signatures over the weekend.
- GB moved to close the hearing; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Discussion re: 80 Sandy Pond Road, Removal of Cesspool**
 - Betty Harrison, current homeowner, needs to remove an old cesspool behind the house before she can sell the property.
 - BD spoke to Amanda Veinotte of Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and was informed that the project would fall under MEPA review.
 - GB to follow up on MEPA issue.

- **Conservation Administrator (CA) Position**
 - BD read a memo from Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator, re: Personnel Board approval of the Conservation Administrator position at Grade 8 (\$19.00 – \$19.87 per hour).
 - This equates to roughly 11.22 – 11.74 hours per week.
 - Reference check for Becky DaSilva-Conde of N. Chelmsford was performed by Chris Ryan, Director of Planning & Development, with very positive feedback.
 - GB moved to offer the position to Ms. DaSilva-Conde at the highest allowable salary level (Grade 8, Step 2, \$19.87 per hour); DB seconded.
 - If unable to hire Ms. DaSilva-Conde, second choice is Rachel Richard of Leominster.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - BD to forward a list of CA priority tasks, for Commission review.
 - BD to notify candidates.
 - Mr. Suhoski stated that the position does not require a criminal background check, and that the town does not have a standard procedure conducting such checks.
 - Commission can ask candidate to voluntarily agree to a background check.

- **Possible Violation – 147 Oak Ridge Drive, Beach Construction**
 - Commission visited the McNulty residence to inspect their backyard beach on Sandy Pond.
 - There is uncertainty re: conditions of the pond shoreline and yard prior to construction of the beach.
 - BD to ask DEP for input on how to proceed.

- **Continued Public Hearing – Nashoba Valley Medical Center (NVMC)**
 - NVMC filed an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) seeking approval of delineation of three separate wetland areas behind the hospital.
 - Commission conducted a site walk 09/08/07.
 - Wetland flags were either missing or unidentified.
 - Drainage issues remain unresolved.
 - GB moved to continue hearing to 09/27/07; DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously.



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- DB to notify Bevlyn Beland of GPR (applicant's representative).

- **Member Issues**
 - GB: Asked DB about status of MassBay Commuter Rail culvert project.
 - DB said he has not yet inspected the site.
 - GB also asked about status of FMC Corporation (Bishop Road remediation).
 - BD stated the Commission needs to receive and review the permits issued by Army Corps of Engineers and DEP, prior to drafting the OOC and Special Conditions.
 - TT: none
 - DB: none

- GB moved to adjourn, DB seconded.
 - Motion approved unanimously

Adjourn (9:50 pm)