



## **Town of Ayer Conservation Commission**

Town Hall \* One Main Street \* Ayer, MA01432 \* 978-772-8249 \* 978-772-8208 (fax)

Minutes for **06/11/09** – **Approved 6/25/09**

Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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

APAC taped: Yes

### **6:40 PM – Open Meeting**

- **Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 39, Sec. 23B, Exemption #6**
  - 6:45 – GB moved to adjourn the meeting for the purpose of entering into Executive Session.
    - Motion seconded and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
  - 7:50 – GB moved to adjourn Executive Session and reopen the meeting; JG 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Motion approved unanimously.

### **7:50 PM – Re-open Meeting**

- **Public Meeting: OOC – 82 Groton School Road**
  - Brent Routhier, 82 Groton School Road, provided an update of the wetland restoration work on his property.
  - The hay bales are in place and the grass is growing in the restoration area.
  - The dewatering basin is no longer needed. He will utilize a gravity-fed recharge trench.
    - Recharge trench will be completed by end of July 2009.
- **Public Meeting: Enforcement Orders – Crabtree Development LLC**
  - Rick Roper of Crabtree Development LLC and Steve Powell (contractor) were present to discuss the status of repair/restoration work at Ridgeview Heights (Pingry Hill).
  - The full list of updates was emailed by Steve Mullaney, S.J. Mullaney Engineering.
  - BD mentioned the parcels that have been offered to the Town by Crabtree.
    - The recent Town Meeting voters authorized BOS to enter into discussions with Crabtree about taking control of the two parcels.
    - BD reminded Mr. Roper to notify CA when the gift parcels are in satisfactory condition to be transferred.
  - DB asked about stormwater management along Snake Hill Road.
    - Most of the stormwater runoff from Snake Hill Road (uphill from Fox Run Drive) is directed to the large detention pond near Littleton Road (Route 110).
    - Mr. Powell said they would add filter fabric to the catch basins on Snake Hill Rd.
- **Meeting Minutes Approval**
  - 05/14/09: correction on page 2 – Melisa Doig is the Assistant Town Treasurer.
    - GB moved to approve 05/14/09 meeting minutes, as corrected; JG 2<sup>nd</sup>.
      - Motion approved unanimously.
  - 05/28/09: minor corrections.
    - GB moved to approve 05/14/09 meeting minutes, as amended; JG 2<sup>nd</sup>.
      - Motion approved unanimously.



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- **Announcements**

- National Grid utility pole replacement, Brook Street
  - Received copy of Water Quality Certification letter from DEP to National Grid.
- BOS Summer Meeting Schedule
  - Memo from BOS notifying of reduced meeting schedule in July and August (only one meeting per month).

- **Updates**

- Pond View Estates
  - CA asked Commissioners to submit their lists of issues re: Pond View Estates.
  - CA will prepare a comprehensive letter to Dave Hicks and Paul Alphen, attorney.
  - CA received a plan from Hicks showing CR boundary and other open space areas.
  - Can Hicks transfer responsibilities to the homeowners association prior to receiving their Certificate of Compliance (COC)?
    - Commissioners will discuss Pond View Estates at next meeting.
- MACC model regulations
  - Commissioners will discuss at next meeting.
- Pond Weed Control RFP
  - BD prepared a draft RFP and sent by email for review.
  - CA to verify insurance liability amounts with Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator.
  - GB and TT suggested minor edits to the draft RFP.
  - CA will also ask Mr. Suhoski about rules and deadlines of the bidding process.
  - CA will ask Board of Health about standard water quality test parameters.
- Flannagan Pond
  - A resident sent an email to BD asking why Flannagan Pond is not being treated this year.
  - BD explained that the BOS did not accept any raise/appropriate articles for the Annual Town Meeting warrant; thus treatment of Flannagan Pond was out of consideration.
  - Given the lack of public access to the pond, BD recommended residents on Flannagan Pond form a pond association to deal with their specific pond management issues.
- Balch Dam – Pond Water Levels
  - Boards at Balch Dam are still removed – Fire Chief Pedrazzi wants to know when he should replace the boards.
    - Pond levels are about 1 foot below normal.
  - Commission is hoping to have the weed control contractor in place prior to replacing the boards and raising water levels (could impact the treatment program).
- Stormwater Bylaws & Enforcement
  - CA: Lack of funding is the primary cause of delay in implementation of stormwater bylaw regulations.
- DPW Refueling Station
  - DB: Would like to make a written request to DPW to discuss their diesel/gas refueling protocols.



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- They do not appear to have any fuel spill containment measures in place at the facility on Brook Street.
  
- **Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 39, Sec. 23B, Exemption #6**
  - 9:35 – TT moved to adjourn the meeting for the purpose of entering into Executive Session.
    - Motion seconded by GB and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
  - 10:00 – GB moved to adjourn Executive Session and reopen the meeting; JG 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Motion approved unanimously.
  
- **10:00 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
  - GB moved to adjourn, JG 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Motion approved unanimously.