



Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

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Minutes for **08/27/09** – **Approved 09/24/09**

Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1st Floor

Members present: Bill Daniels (BD, Chair), Dave Bodurtha (DB, Vice-Chair), George Bacon (GB), Takashi Tada (TT, Clerk), Jessica Gugino (JG), Alison McKay (TCA, Temporary Conservation Administrator)

APAC taped: Yes

7:05 PM – Open Meeting

- **Discussion/Update: Grove Pond Well No. 3 (DEP # 100-0310)**
 - Jeff Murawski of Tata & Howard (Town's engineering consultants) presented a request to modify the planned pumping test for the new (replacement) drinking water production well No. 3.
 - To reduce stress on the treatment and distribution system Tata & Howard propose to construct, and discharge to, a second discharge/sedimentation basin.
 - The second basin will be similar to, but slightly larger than, the original basin, with additional erosion controls for good measure.
 - Water extracted during the required 5-day pumping test will be discharged to the two basins, rather than piped to the treatment plant.
 - The testing schedule is as follows:
 - Next week: 4-hour step test for well No. 3, to calibrate the correct pumping rate.
 - After Labor Day: 5-day pumping test, including all three wells.
 - Drawdown in the aquifer will be monitored via the existing observation well network.
 - Drawdown of surface water in Grove Pond is not anticipated, but will be monitored with existing piezometers.
 - Mr. Murawski also provided a copy of the recorded Order of Conditions (OOC) for the connecting infrastructure project. (DEP # 100-0320).
- **Public Meeting: RDA – Proposed Deck, 2 Jonathan Drive**
 - Rodney Gerace, 2 Jonathan Drive, presented a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for a proposed deck.
 - The deck will be located approximately 30 feet from the wetland off Jonathan Drive (behind the Zodiac apartment complex).
 - The sketch plan shows 14 posts, to be dug by hand.
 - Soils will be stored on the driveway.
 - The plan did not show any erosion controls.
 - Mr. Gerace added a hay bale/silt fence line to the plan, per BD's recommendation.
 - Mr. Gerace will notify TCA 5 days prior to start of work, to inspect the erosion controls.
 - DB asked about a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the original OOC issued for the house construction.
 - The house was built in 1999.
 - Mr. Gerace said he did not request a COC for the house.
 - BD suggested doing a COC for the original permit along with the RDA.



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- JG moved to issue Negative Determination, with Special Conditions for installation and inspection of erosion controls prior to start of work; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- Mr. Gerace said he would bring a check to the office tomorrow, for the legal notice.

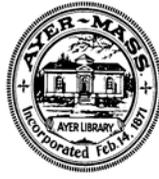
- **Public Hearing (cont'd): NOI – Phase II Infrastructure, Ridgeview Heights**
 - Tata & Howard (Town's engineering consultants) are performing a technical review of infrastructure design for Phase II at Ridgeview Heights (a.k.a Pingry Hill) subdivision.
 - The review is roughly 75 percent done.
 - GB moved to continue hearing to 9/10/09; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **TCA Updates**
 - Still no computer in the office.
 - Next meeting agenda includes two NOI and two RDA.
 - Dave Moulton (Stratton Hill) has not yet filed a new NOI.

- **Discussion: Pond View Estates**
 - Dock license
 - The community dock on Long Pond is licensed. A copy of the license was emailed to the Commission by the developer (Hicks).
 - Trail entrance
 - Can a gate be installed across the trail entrance to discourage unauthorized vehicles, but still enable emergency access?
 - Compliance with the CR is the Commission's responsibility. However, the unauthorized vehicles are entering the conservation land from the subdivision.
 - GB suggested a letter to Hicks, with copy to Natural Heritage. The letter should also mention the damage done to the culvert.
 - Damaged culvert and beaver activity
 - Is the culvert still functional?
 - Who should fix it?
 - Tree removal – 7B Sunflower Court
 - TCA prepared and sent a letter to Ms. Ferranti, 7B Sunflower Ct., authorizing removal of the leaning portion of the tree.

- **Meeting Minutes Approval**
 - 8/13/09: no changes
 - JG moved to approve 8/13/09 minutes, as written; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Member Issues**
 - GB: Fall Site Visits
 - Routhier Tire Facility – Need to see if the erosion control plan is working.



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- Visit to be coordinated with DEP.
 - Stratton Hill – TCA will follow up with Dave Moulton.
- DB: 71 Sandy Pond Road
 - Need to follow up with Mr. Velarde about removal of unlicensed chickens.

- **Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 39, Sec. 23B, Exemption #6**
 - 8:50 PM – GB moved to adjourn the meeting for the purpose of entering into Executive Session; TT 2nd.
 - Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.
 - 9:40 PM – GB moved to adjourn Executive Session and reopen the meeting; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote.

- **9:40 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - JG moved to adjourn, GB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.