

Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

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Minutes for **01/28/10** – **Approved 02/11/10**

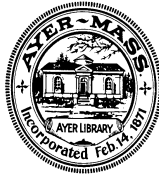
Location: Ayer Town Hall, 1st Floor

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

APAC taped: No

7:15 PM – Open Meeting

- **Public Meeting: RDA – Ch. 91 Dock License, 7 Wachusett Avenue East**
 - Patrick Marr, 7 Wachusett Avenue East, thanked CA for assistance in getting his filing to DEP after the application deadline.
 - Mr. Marr is applying for an existing temporary wood dock measuring 3x16 feet.
 - The dock has aluminum posts and rests on cinder blocks.
 - The sandy beach area features a rip-rap stone retaining wall and a boat house.
 - JG moved to issue a Negative Determination with Conditions; DB 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - Mr. Marr provided a check for the legal notification.
 - CA reminded Mr. Marr to record his license within 60 days.
- **Discussion: Hunting on Town Land – Pine Meadow Conservation Area**
 - BD will pen a response to the recent newspaper editorial.
 - DB provided a copy of the Massachusetts hunting season schedule for all regulated species.
 - Trapping of some species is allowed under the state's regulations.
 - Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
 - Ayer is located in Zone 9.
 - Hunting seasons vary by species, but autumn hunting begins as early as September and ends in April.
 - Commissioners discussed the potential for regulation of hunting by date, species, weapons, etc.
 - BD will contact Pat Huckery of MA Department of Fish & Game, to explain the existing state regulations and for advice on formulating local (Town) regulations.
 - BD recommended using map overlays to identify areas where hunting is restricted or allowed.
 - TT will work on map overlays.
 - Commission outlined a schedule of meetings, Public Hearings, and review periods.
 - The proposed schedule will allow time for research, map compilation, public outreach, public input, and a formal public review period for proposed land use regulations.
 - Proposed Schedule:
 - 2/2: Letter (BD) and Legal Notification (CA) submitted to *Public Spirit*.
 - 2/11: Working session to discuss and draft proposed regulations.
 - 2/19: Rerun of Legal Notification in *Public Spirit*.



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- 2/25: Public information meeting to discuss proposed regulations with public input.
 - 3/11: Public Hearing to issue proposed land use regulations at Pine Meadow Conservation Land.
 - Start of formal public review/comment period.
 - 4/8: Public Hearing (cont'd) to discuss comments on the proposed regulations.
 - Close of public comment period at 9:00 PM.
 - 4/22: Close Public Hearing and issue the final land use regulations.
- **Accounts Payable**
 - Lowell Sun: \$28.56 – Ayer Parks & Recreation Dept., RDA for Ch. 91 Dock License
 - \$114.24 – Badger & Comeau residents, RDA for Ch. 91 Dock License
 - GB moved to approve payment of Lowell Sun invoice; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- **Town Annual Report**
 - Reports from departments and boards are due 2/26/10.
 - GB prepared a draft report for Conservation Commission.
 - CA will update the draft report with a tally of filings during the last year.
- **Announcements**
 - National Grid provided notification of their plans to selectively apply herbicides along their utility lines (regular maintenance).
 - VHB provided notification of water line replacement work on Bishop Road.
- **Other Items**
 - Weed Control RFP
 - BD will forward the latest draft RFP for pond weed control.
 - FMC Corp., Soil Remediation at 9 Bishop Road.
 - CA received copies of As-Built plans and Final Inspection Report.
 - BD: Memo from Kopelman & Page (Town Counsel) re: residency requirements for appointees to Town boards.
 - Residency is not required to serve on a volunteer board.
- **10:10 – Adjourn Meeting**
 - GB moved to adjourn; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.