



## Town of Ayer Conservation Commission

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Minutes for **07/26/07** – **Approved**

Location: Town Hall

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

Associate Members present: none

APAC taped: NO

**Start time: 7:00 pm**

- **General business**
  - Meeting Minutes
    - Review draft meeting minutes, 7/12/07
      - GB motion to approve as amended, ST second
        - Motion approved unanimously
- **Continued Public Hearing: 1 Wagon Road**
  - Margaret Staples, applicant, in attendance.
  - The plan has been revised to include a retaining wall and geo-textile liner on north side of house to stabilize the slope and prevent erosion.
  - The draft Order of Conditions (OOC) has been revised to include specific conditions relating to the aforementioned retaining wall and slope.
  - TT motion to approve OOC, DB second.
    - Motion approved unanimously
  - BD to confirm Town Clerk's availability to notarize the OOC.
  - GB motion to close hearing, DB second
    - Motion approved unanimously
- **Public Hearing – NOI re: 71 Sandy Pond Road**
  - Mark Velardi, applicant, in attendance.
  - NOI is for construction of a garage within the 100' feet of flagged wetland. Proposed garage measures 75'x40' and requires some excavation for pouring concrete slab. Three temporary storage units will be removed from the premises.
  - Applicant will use garage to store equipment currently kept in his house as well as some machinery parked in the paved area in front of house.
  - Applicant is willing to stockpile soil according the Commission's direction. Soil could be stored on pavement, or in back of house. Erosion controls will be implemented.
  - Mr. Velardi will ask engineer (Sean Hale, Ross Associates) to stake the corners of the garage and calculate areal impact to buffer zone.
  - **Site walk scheduled on Saturday, August 4, at 8:30 AM.**
  - Audience members had concerns about the intended uses of the garage.
  - GB motion to continue hearing to August 9, 2007; TT second
    - Motion approved unanimously



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- **Continued Public Hearing: Stratton Hill Subdivision, Wright Road**
  - Applicant submitted written request to continue hearing to August 9, 2007.
  - Applicant will notify the hearing in local newspaper.
  
- **Public Input**
  - Marty Poutry, resident of Ayer, introduced himself to the Commission and expressed his interest in the vacant position of Conservation Administrator. He has submitted an application for the position. He does not have the technical (biology) experience, but he is currently a member of the Devens Enterprise Commission.
  
- **Other Issues**
  - Appointments to Stormwater Committee have been made by BOS.
    - DB appointed as ConsCom representative.
    - ST appointed as citizen representative.
  - Town-wide Trash Pick-Up Day is scheduled on September 29.
  - Received a revised NOI for Stratton Hill sewer main project on Wright Road.
    - Revised plan shows extended hay bale/silt fence line around the culvert.
  - Received a NOI for Grove Pond Replacement Wells (Ayer DPW)
    - Public hearing scheduled on August 9, 2007. Notification is appearing in *Ayer Public Spirit*.
  - NOI for Nashoba Valley Medical Center was submitted to Planning Director, Chris Ryan, but has not been received by Commission.
  - COC for MassBay Commuter Rail is on hold until a satisfactory site inspection takes place.
    - DB to contact MBCR to hammer out an inspection date.
  - RDA for Guilford/Pan-Am weed spraying is on hold until a site walk is scheduled.
  - Planning Assistant Position
    - Email from Chris Ryan proposed combining the positions of Assistant Planner and Conservation Administrator to enhance the applicant pool.
    - This would offer more hours (25-30 combined) to the employee.
  - COC for 10 Amandrey Way
    - Owners had agreed to remove yard waste/debris from the buffer zone beyond the back yard.
    - BD to contact owners via email to request that they notify Commission when work is done.
  - Chapter 91, Public Waterfront Act (Sandy Pond & Long Pond)
    - DEP has scheduled an informational meeting August 22 at Groton Middle School.
    - ST presented the meeting announcement and will make copies to distribute.
  - Recap of Joint BOS/Planning Board session re: Town office space
    - BOS will have final say on office reorganization
    - Planning Board was not supportive of Town Administrator Shaun Suhoski's reorganization proposal.
  - 6 Wright Road – Wetland Violation
    - BD to contact DEP for further guidance.



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- Associate Member interest
  - Mr. Denis Luken expressed interest in serving as an Associate Member of the Commission.
  - Commission will consider his appointment at the next meeting, August 9.
- Conservation Administrator position update:
  - Have not heard from any qualified applicants yet.
  - Members will attempt to contact potentially qualified individuals who have expressed an interest in the position but have yet to apply.
- GB motion to adjourn, ST second
  - Motion approved unanimously (**Adjourn 8:50**)