

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
August 25, 2014**

Members Present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Eric Nelson (Clerk), Douglas Davis, Judith Johnson, James Marsh and Valerie Marshall
Staff Present: Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, and Diana Gray, Land Use Secretary
Others Present: See attached sign-in sheet

Meeting Opened

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held in the Boyden Library, at 7:00 p.m.

Willow Street 3, Request For Determination

Information Reviewed: RFD received August 4, 2014

Mr. Boette opened the hearing by reading the legal notice, posted in the Sun Chronicle and The Foxboro Reporter. The Applicant, Susan Snyder, was represented by Michael Trowbridge of Trowbridge Associates, Inc. Mr. Trowbridge explained that this application is to repair the sewage disposal system at 3 Willow Street. This is an existing dwelling with a cesspool that is failing. They recently went to the Board of Health and received an approval to repair the system. There are no grade changes proposed. There are existing wetlands in the back of the property.

Mr. and Mrs. John George of 5-7 Willow Street had concerns about this application and would like to see the system moved away from the driveway and put where it used to be located.

Mr. Trowbridge stated that the Board of Health had no record of any other location for the system. Mr. George is afraid that there will be leaching onto his property as the lot slopes down towards his property. Reportedly, over the past few years, Ms. Snyder has made many additions to the property including a deck, pool, and a new driveway. Mr. George indicated that these additional have changed the runoff towards his property.

Ms. Pierce noted that the Board of Health determines where the system is to be located, but did note that a new system would be much cleaner than any older system currently there.

Ms. Johnson would like to see sediment barriers and silt fences used and suggested that the silt fence line be extended so that they are closer to the rock wall between the properties.

Motion was made by Ms. Johnson to close the discussion for an RFD at 3 Willow Street; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion was made by Mr. Curtis to issue a Negative Determination with the change noted to the silt fencing for 3 Willow Street; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0.**

Daniel Carpenter Court, 11, DEP #157- 524, Continued NOI Hearing

Information Reviewed:

- Application received July 15, 2014
- Plan: "Repair On Site Sewage Disposal System," May 12, 2014, by DMG Associates, Berkley, MA

The Applicant, Bob Doherty, stated that his engineer was not available this evening, but he had asked his friend Greg Bynars, who is also an engineer, to the meeting to help him. Mr. Doherty explained that he would like to replace the septic system that failed. He thinks it is the original system to the house that was built in the 1960s. The Commission would like to see the system rotated 90 degrees to get it further away from the wetlands and create an addition five to eight feet of separation from the wetlands. The leaching field can also be moved northeasterly to pull it further away from the wetlands.

A revised plan will need to be submitted before this hearing can be closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Davis to continue the hearing for DEP #157- 524 to September 15, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Johnson. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Neponset Reservoir, NRRC Update

The Commission met with members of the Neponset Reservoir Reclamation Committee for an update on the Neponset Reservoir. Rick Lewis stated that the second weed treatment was applied in the cove near Gudgeon Brook recently and they feel a third application will not be necessary. The treatment program is now complete for this year and they will be filing the necessary paperwork. The northern coves still look good but the western side of the Reservoir is still weed choked and will be addressed next year.

The whole Reservoir was treated six years ago, but since then they have only been doing specific areas to address weed problems.

More people have been using the Reservoir for recreational uses such as boating and swimming. The water is very clear in the areas that were treated. It is the phosphorus and nutrients in the water that promote the weed growth.

It was noted that there is trash, beer cans and evidence of campfires in the area near the dam's access roadway's gate at the Lane property. The lock has been broken numerous times and currently has a bike lock on it.

The NRRC stressed that even though the top of the dam area has been mowed, more weed whacking is needed near the rocks along the sides. The DPW mows it twice a year currently.

Mr. Lewis stated that they are preparing the Water Level Management Plan but Mr. Ken Warner, who is preparing the document, is on vacation.

Samples have been taken from the reservoir after storm events, but not much in the way of heavy metals was found. The third report from Wood & Curran has been filed with the State.

The Commission suggested that the NRRC submit an article to the paper about the water clarity at the Reservoir, which would generate some good publicity for a change.

A Knox Box may be needed for the dam access roadway's gate so the fire department could have access, but prevent it from being vandalized. The police could be asked to increase patrols in the area also. A Friends Organization is needed to help clean up the area.

Gillette Access Road off Rt. 140, DEP # 157- 521, Order of Conditions

The Commission reviewed the draft Orders (State and Bylaw) that were prepared by Ms. Pierce. The Commission wanted the following "in perpetuity" condition added to the Order: "The project lighting will consist of downward pointing lights which will only be used during full stadium events; minimal security lighting will be allowed at all other times."

Mr. Davis and Mr. Marsh would still like to see a condition restricting the number of times the lot could be used. Ms. Pierce explained that the Findings' Stormwater Management Standards #5, LUHPPL (Land Uses with Higher Potential Pollutant Loads) section speaks to the threshold of use that would require the applicant to come back for an amendment to the Order (State special condition #36). The Commission also asked Ms. Pierce to move the paragraph (under "Findings") about the Planning Board's definition of "Full Stadium Events" to the Project Description section.

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall to approve and sign the Order of Conditions, as amended and modified, for DEP #157-521; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Wyman Village 40B, off Community Way

Mr. Boette and Ms. Johnson attended the ZBA meeting in regards to the proposed 40B on Community Way. Kim Mellen will be the Commission's liaison in regards to the vernal pool and

wetlands issues. A site walk will be coordinated in September and Commission members are welcome to attend.

Master Plan, Natural & Cultural Resources

Ms. Johnson asked that this item be added to the agenda to address the Master Plan section in regards to Open Space. The Master Plan is stating that the Town has met the 25% Open Space requirement and should change their strategy from acquisition to land management. Ms. Pierce will help Ms. Johnson to draft a letter to be sent to the Planning Board; it will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Conservation Rental Properties; 89 North Street

Mr. Keegan and Mr. Scollins have been meeting with Bill Yukna on how to proceed with the roof repairs needed at 89 North Street. Mr. Keegan is trying to get a Facilities Manager position created that would help to take care of Town owned buildings. Ms. Marshall feels that the roof repairs should move forward now since the funds have already been appropriated.

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall to move forward with the needed roof repairs at 89 North Street as soon as possible; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0**

Regulations to Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw (Article IX)

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall to continue the Public Hearing for the Regulations to Foxborough's Wetland Bylaw to September 15, 2014 at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0.**

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Ms. Marshall to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Davis. **Vote: 7-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Diana Gray: 9/3/14

Approved by Commission: 9/29/14

Documents, Not Referenced Above

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, August 25, 2014
2. Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location of Other Documents:

3. Manager's Report, filed in Manager's Report binder in the Conservation Office.
4. Referenced projects' documents: please see Conservation Commission's project file