

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
June 3, 2013**

**Members Present:** Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Judith Johnson, and Valerie Marshall

**Members Absent:** Eric Nelson (Clerk), Douglas Davis, and James Marsh

**Staff Present:** Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager, and Lee Ann Tavares, Secretary

**Others Present:** See attached sign-in sheet

**Meeting Opened**

Bob Boette opened the meeting, held in the Andrew A. Gala Jr. Meeting Room, at 7:00 p.m.

**92 East Belcher Road, Possible Wetland Violation**

Jane reported that while driving by the property, she was surprised to observe that the site's out fall area had been filled with rip rap and the adjacent swale had been filled and leveled. She reviewed her Manager's Report's before and after photos of the area with the Commission. While there, she spoke to the homeowner, Mark Hannon. Mr. Hannon told her that he had spoken with the Roger Hill, DPW, who said that the area was not an intermittent stream and that the DPW would be correcting it in the future; the Highway Department had dumped the rip rap. Jane had invited Mr. Hannon to attend the meeting, but he was not in attendance.

Jane reported that berm required by the Restoration Order had been installed and it looked good. She also talked with Roger Hill, who told her that the Highway Department plans to correct the drainage in that area and will be filing a Notice of Intent for the work. Reportedly, the wetlands have been delineated and his consultant determined that the water that is being dumped on the property is not an intermittent stream. In addition, Sandra Herrmann informed Jane that Mr. Hannon had complained to her about Jane and said he would be getting a lawyer involved.

Jane reported that presently, water is sheet flowing across the road and needs to be corrected. Also, Mr. Hannon's side yard area is not stabilized, causing siltation across the road. Mr. Hannon was given the Commission's Buffer Zone Restoration Guidelines during his previous meeting with the Commission. The Commission's Decision Letter approving Mr. Hannon's Resource Area Restoration Plan, states "a determination of whether the site's drainage ditch is actually an intermittent stream will need to be accomplished prior to the approval of any future use of that area."

**MAPC Priority Preservation Map; Discussion with Sharon Wason, Town Planner**

Town Planner Sharon Wason indicated that she was currently working with MAPC to update the South Coast Rail Community Priority Areas Map. She asked the Commission to prioritize areas that they wanted to be considered for preservation. This list is particularly important because in 2010, through Executive Order 525 the Patrick Administration asked certain state agencies to consider priority areas when making funding commitments. So if the town wanted to purchase land, listed on this map, it would be more likely to be awarded state grant monies.

Sharon presented a list of the proposed areas and a draft map of the areas, explaining that the golf course near Rt. 140/Walnut Street had been taken off the list, since it has been highly altered. She invited the Commission to attend the Planning Board's meeting on June 13, 2013 and/or send the Board a memo, ranking the properties. After discussion, the Commission ranked the properties as follows:

1. Spring Brook Headwaters
2. 242-246 Main Street ("Judge Brown")
3. Sentry Co.
4. State property at Rt. 140 and Walnut Street (vacant woodland, 16.02 +/- acre)

5. S. Walpole Street property (formerly “Gobi”)
6. Law Farm
7. Sportsmen’s Club
8. American Tower Mgmt. Land

**Lot 4 McNamara Way, DEP 157-497**

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to approve and sign the Partial Certificate of Compliance for Lot 4 McNamara Way, DEP #157-497; seconded by Valerie Marshall. **Vote: 4-0-0**

**9 Lawton Lane (Lot 32), DEP 157-450**

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to approve and sign the Partial Certificate of Compliance for 9 Lawton Lane (Lot 32), DEP #157-450; seconded by Valerie Marshall. **Vote: 4-0-0**

**18 Lawton Lane (Lot 17), DEP 157-450**

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to approve and sign the Partial Certificate of Compliance for 18 Lawton Lane (Lot 17), DEP #157-450; seconded by Valerie Marshall. **Vote: 4-0-0**

**Reorganization of the Commission**

To be reviewed during the following meeting

**Draft Regulations for Foxborough Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Article IX)**

Information Reviewed: Draft Proposed Foxborough Article IX Regulations

Bob opened the hearing by reading the legal notice, as posted in the Sun Chronicle and the Foxboro Reporter. Jane provided a draft of the proposed Regulations, consisting mainly of the definitions section at this point. The definitions were discussed and amended and Jane was asked to make the discussed amendments and bring copies of the revised document to the next meeting for discussion.

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to continue the hearing to June 17, 2013, seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 4:0:0**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to adjourn; seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 4-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 8/1/13

Reviewed by Jane Pierce: 11/05/13

Approved by Commission: 12/2/13

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**Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting**

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, June 3, 2013
2. Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location of Other Documents:

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