

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
September 27, 2010**

Members present: Allan Curtis, Co-Chair, Doug Davis, Judi Johnson, Jim Marsh and Eric Nelson

Absent: Bob Boette, Harold Blomberg

Also present: Jane Pierce, Conservation Manager

Meeting Opened/Public Comment

Allan Curtis opened the meeting, held in the Andrew A. Gala Jr. Meeting Room at 7:05 p.m.

Request for Determination – Morse Street, near Mansfield line,

The applicant's (Sasol North America) representative, Keith Galley (CH2M Hill) was in attendance to discuss the proposed removal of an unused building (one story, approximately 18' x 28') located in a partially wooded area between the Rumford River (to the west) and Morse Street (to the East), just north of the Mansfield town line.

The building will be razed by an excavator, which will approach the structure from the cleared southern (street) side. The structure's ceiling and walls will be removed, but the foundation slab will be left in place. The work will require limited clearing of brush, but no subsurface activities are planned.

The Commission questioned whether any chemicals were present. Mr. Galley reported that the building had been tested in the 1990's, with only asbestos found in the door caulking. Jane recommended a negative determination with the following conditions:

1. A site visit with the Conservation Manager should be performed before commencement of the work to review the access route and to determine the location of limit of work fence.
2. All debris generated by the building demolition shall be removed from the site and properly disposed.
3. Records as to the destination of all materials to be removed from the site, including, building materials, machinery, stumps, brush, excess fill, shall be kept and provided to the Commission upon request.

Motion was made by Jim Marsh to issue a Negative Determination (checking #3 and #6).
Seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6:0:0**

10 Mill Street

Alex Pokrovskiy, homeowner, had attended the Commission's September 20 meeting to request permission to remove a large oak tree from his property. Although Bob had suggested that he attend this meeting to learn the Commission's decision, he was not in attendance. Bob had asked him to tag the trees (originally one, then he proposed to remove three) that he wanted to remove from the inner riparian area, so they could be identified by Commissioners who visited the site.

Eric visited the property and found that three oak trees had been tagged. Jane said that she had met with Mr. Pokrovskiy to look at one large oak tree, earlier in the spring. The large tree is close to the house while the other two are not. After discussion the Commission agreed to give Mr. Pokrovskiy

permission to remove the trees, but required that he plant new, smaller trees on other parts of his property. Jane was asked to write to Mr. Pokrovskiy to clearly outline the Commission's decision.

DEP #157-370, Stonehurst Subdivision, (off) Green Street, OoC Extension Permit

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to issue a one year State and Town Order of Conditions Extension Permit for DEP #157-472. Seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6:0:0.**

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Motion was made by Judi Johnson to accept the August 30, 2010 meeting minutes as distributed. Seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 6:0:0.**

87 North Street, Conservation Rental Property

Jane reported that she had visited the property and was disappointed by its poor condition; she wondered if it was uninhabitable. The Commission wanted Jane to ask the Town's Building Inspector, Bill Casbarra, to inspect both of their vacant properties; the other being the home at 10 Fairbanks Road.

Neponset Reservoir Dam Draw Down, 9/23/10

Jane Pierce, Bill Hocking, Jr. and Judy Leahy were present to observe Bob Kimball remove boards from the Neponset Reservoir Dam.

Bob K. explained that the draw down should begin each year on or around September 6 (when typically, four boards are removed). An additional board is usually removed around a week later. Three or four boards are usually replaced around October 12, and the remaining one or two boards are usually replaced after the water starts to flow over the dam again, which is usually weather-dependent.

Ownership and maintenance of the dam will be turned over to the Town next year and since the Highway Department does the landscape maintenance at the dam, the Commission thought that it would make sense for the Highway Department to be in charge of removing and replacing the boards for the yearly draw down. Jane was asked to contact Bob Swanson at the Highway Department to arrange for someone from his department to be present to observe Bob Kimball when he replaced the boards in the dam so that they would be familiar with the process next year.

Judi reminded the Commission that Bob K. had mentioned the possibility of leftover funds (from the dam repairs) that could pay for upgrading the gate house mechanism for changing the water levels to make the draw down process easier, asking whether this had been discussed recently.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Judi Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Allan Curtis. **Vote: 6:0:0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Draft minutes submitted by Judy Leahy: 9/29/10

Reviewed by Jane Pierce: 11/22/10

Approved by Commission: 11/29/10