

**Town of Foxborough  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
October 17, 2011**

**Members Present:** Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Judith Johnson, James Marsh Valerie Marshall and Eric Nelson (Clerk)  
**Absent:** Robert Boette (Chair), Douglas Davis  
**Also Present:** Jane Sears Pierce, Conservation Manager

**Meeting Opened**

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

**Minutes** of 10/3/11 will be reviewed and approved during the next meeting.

**46 Beach Street, DEP #157-494, Extension Request**

**Motion** was made by Judi Johnson to grant a one year extension for DEP #157-494; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 5-0-0**

**86 Ridge Road, DEP#157-502, Continued Hearing,** Yan Fisher

**Information Submitted:** Applicant, Yan Fisher's, request to continue to 11/21/2011

**Motion** was made by Jim Marsh to continue the hearing for DEP#157-502 to 11/21/2011 at 7:05 PM; seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

**Review of Draft Comments for Invensys NPDES Permit**

**Document Reviewed:** Draft letter from Conservation Commission to David Pincumbe, EPA

Judi reviewed her draft comment letter regarding the Invensys System (the Foxboro Company's corporate successor) Draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for discharge into Gudgeon Brook, which flows into the Neponset Reservoir. She explained that the draft comments were based upon the NRRC's LSP comments. Draft letter excerpts:

“Waters in Neponset Reservoir currently exceed the EPA's National Recommended Water Quality Criterion for cadmium. As noted in the draft permit Fact Sheet, the company is not complying with the existing permit and, therefore, numerous pollutants exceed water quality criteria during both dry weather and wet weather conditions. It is imperative that the proposed numeric discharge limitations on the NPDES Permit and all monitoring requirements be upheld and implemented in a timely manner.”

Jane was asked to make the amendments, as discussed, and sign the draft letter on behalf of Allan, to mail to the EPA.

**Review of Draft Presentation for the Advisory Committee's October 19, 2011 Meeting**

Judi and Val reviewed their draft response and rebuttal to the statements that were made against STM Article 9 by one of the Selectmen. They also reviewed the slightly revised presentation that they would give to the Advisory Committee on October 19th. Judi gave a history of the prior discussions.

**Motion** was made by Jim Marsh to allow Judi and Val to prepare and make the presentation to the Advisory Committee on October 19, 2011; seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

### **Discussion of Rental Properties; 10 Fairbanks Road**

Jane reported that a 10 Fairbanks Road neighbor had expressed her interest in purchasing or renting the property, indicating that she would like to use it as a guest house. Although the house would be used for visiting family, not permanent usage, she indicated that they would be willing to rent it for the entire year.

Jane explained that the site's septic system (a cesspool) had posed the main issue to the home's future occupancy. Although a Title 5 inspection had not been performed, the Board of Health believed that if it were used regularly, the site's cesspool would fail.

Kevin Paicos will meet with the neighbor's husband to discuss renting the property as a guest house. Kevin is interested in the income that this house could generate and has indicated that rental income from this house, as well as the soon to be renovated Lane property home, would be put into a revolving account to maintain the rental homes and to increase Jane's hours.

### **Community Service Day – November 3, 2011**

Jane received a call from Keith Birch of Invensys, asking about projects that a group of his volunteers could do in Conservation areas to help the Commission/Town. They have six to ten workers that would be available to help with trail maintenance trash pickup etc. Jane suggested that Kersey Point could use some trash cleanup and the bridge at the Cocasset River Recreation Area could use new boards.

She asked the Commission if they knew of any projects that the Invensys volunteers could do. Judi indicated that the Canoe River Wilderness area trails near Greely's Pond had many downed branches and trees that needed cleaning up. Jane told the Commission that she would be contacting Mr. Birch with the Commission's suggestions.

Jane also reported that boulders on the Kersey Point property had been moved to allow boats to be put into the Reservoir and that there was a lot of trash in the area. She has asked Bob Swanson to empty the site's trash barrel and move the boulders back. Jane asked the Commission if there was any reason why the area could not be used as a boat ramp. According to Judi, due to the Reservoir's contamination problems, they didn't want to encourage additional motor boat traffic, which would stir up sediments. After the contamination has been cleaned up, a ramp could be built.

### **Change in Meeting Date**

The December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will have to be changed as it is the same night as Town Meeting. Lee Ann will look into meeting room availability for dates before and after.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion** was made by Jim Marsh to adjourn; seconded by Judi Johnson. **Vote: 5-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 10/26/11

Reviewed by Jane Sears Pierce: 11/1/11

Approved by Commission: 11/7/11