

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
March 19, 2012**

Members Present: Robert Boette (Chair), Allan Curtis (Vice Chair), Douglas Davis, Judith Johnson, James Marsh and Valerie Marshall
Absent: Eric Nelson, Clerk
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.

Master Plan Kick-Off Open House

Sharon Wason, Town Planner, and Kathy McCabe, Planning Board consultant, were present to discuss the Commission's ideas and concerns about the Town's future development for inclusion in the Master Plan. They outlined the four step process starting with the Open House, a listening session and survey; a goals workshop to look at the needs of the downtown and finally their findings and recommendations. The Open House will run from March 19-20; all are welcome to participate.

8 Independence Drive – Request for Determination

Information Reviewed:

- RDA dated 3/5/12
- Hand drawn plan by Kenneth Brissette

Bob opened the hearing by reading the legal notice, as posted in the Sun Chronicle.

The Applicant's representative, Kenneth Brissette, was present to review the proposed project. He explained the proposed 16 foot by 26 foot three-season room and a 16 foot by 26 foot deck; the existing deck will be removed. The new area will extend two extra feet toward the wetlands. Seven footings are proposed; all of the new, four foot holes (three currently exist) will be hand dug in an existing lawn area.

Bob thought that the edge of the wetland, as shown on the plan, was "completely inaccurate," adding that the edge of the lawn was likely to be the wetland edge.

Jane asked how the stormwater from the new roof would be handled. Mr. Brissette stated he could dig small drywells, noting anything larger would require bringing in machinery, but this wasn't possible, since the area is inaccessible. Doug noted his concern, remembering that numerous size restrictions were put on this development when it was built; he believed that the building footprints couldn't be changed. Mr. Brissette stated that the owner had checked with the Association and this was why they are building a three (unheated), rather than a four season (heated) room.

Commissioners thought that they could approve the proposed plan with the condition that it would be in compliance with the subdivision's deed restrictions. Bob indicated that Bill Casbarra should know what the restrictions were.

To summarize: the wetland line needs to be corrected on the plan and downspouts to a drywell should be added/shown on the plan. The Commission asked Mr. Brissette to bring written documentation of the Association's okay to build to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to continue the Request for Determination meeting to April 2, 2012, as approved by the applicant's representative; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6-0-0**

86 Ridge Rd. Yan Fisher, DEP #157-502

A request to continue to April 2, 2012 was received from the applicant.

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to continue to April 2, 2012; seconded by Doug Davis. **Vote: 6-0-0**

General Discussions:

15 Kendall Drive - Mr. Roger Proulx, 15 Kendall Drive, who was in the audience asked to speak with the Commission. Bob informed him that since he was not on the agenda the Commission could not make any decisions or take any votes. Mr. Proulx stated that he understood and proceeded to explain his questions to the Commission.

He would like to change his project by moving the location of the garage back 15 feet closer to the side of his property. In the current approved location, it would be difficult to back out and turn around in the driveway. He would also like to put the fence on the other side of the large oak tree (to remain), which would be 10 feet further away from the vernal pool.

Bob stated that Mr. Proulx's hearing on March 5 was closed at the insistence of his attorney, Mr. Watsky, and that the changes could be handled through the Order of Conditions, which addresses proposed changes to approved plans. The Order can be issued once the Commission receives the required plan revisions, scheduled for the next meeting. Mr. Proulx told the Commission that he would submit a signed waiver of the 21 day requirement for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Bob instructed Mr. Proulx to bring in two plans – one showing the original project with the required changes and the second showing his new changes.

87 North Street - Jane and Bob met with the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School staff regarding their renovation of 87 North Street. They learned that the students cannot work at the site until it is deemed lead and asbestos free. Unfortunately, the Capital Planning Committee did not approve any funding for this project. The Commission may need to salvage what they can and then the house may need to be demolished. Doug stated that if there was still power at the property, it should be pulled. Judi asked Lee Ann to purchase a kit for lead paint, to see if/where the building might have lead.

Val would like to meet on a Monday or Friday with the Town Manager (first thing in the morning) to discuss all of the Commission's properties. She asked Jane to try to fill in the Property Management Report's blanks and give a copy to the Town Manager. Judi wants to wait to decide whether to demolish the house and would also like to meet with the Town Manager.

Motorcycles of Manchester, Rt. 1 - Doug informed the Commission that Motorcycles of Manchester (MOM) has moved into the New England Pottery location on Rt. 1. He noted his concern about the off road vehicles going up the hill and into the woods (conservation land). He asked that signs, prohibiting motorized vehicles, be erected along the property line and that a certified letter (with a copy to the Police Chief), stating that no motorized vehicles are allowed on conservation land, should be sent to the store owners.

Town Warrant Article - The Commission has not heard anything from the Town Counsel regarding the recently approved article to amend the Town Manager Act. Bob and Val will speak to Rep. Jay Barrows.

GIS - Jane informed the Commission that the ArcView GIS program had been downloaded onto her computer.

GPS Unit - Jane requested permission from the Commission to purchase a handheld GPS unit to allow her to create trail maps of the Town's conservation properties. Based on recent

searches she believed the cost should be in the \$400 range. The Commission approved the purchase. Doug stated that he is familiar with the units and will research and present his results to the Commission.

Hersey Farm License Agreement – A discussion about the Foxborough Community Farm Stand license will be held on April 2nd. Jane informed the Commission that Charlie McNamara, who has the property, and the Town's soccer association, who rent a portion of the property, should also be contacted. Members of the Discretionary Fund will probably attend the April 2nd meeting.

Draft Regulations – A discussion about the draft Regulations will be added to the April 2 agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made by Allan Curtis to adjourn; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 7-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 3/29/12

Reviewed by Jane Sears Pierce: 4/2/12

Approved by Commission: 4/2/12

Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, March 19, 2011
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