

**Town of Foxborough
Conservation Commission Minutes
October 1, 2012**

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

14 Kendall Drive, Notice of Intent DEP# 157-506

Information Reviewed:

- NOI dated 9/17/12

Bob opened the hearing by reading the legal notice, as posted in the Sun Chronicle. The applicant, Kerri Dantona and her representative, Jane Cote of Easton Pool & Spa, were present. Ms. Cote describes the proposed in-ground pool on an existing lawn. The pool will have a cartridge filter system, eliminating the need for backwashing. There will not be any stockpiling as all excavation material will be hauled off site. Jane and Bob visited the site and agree with the delineation as shown. Jane commended Ms. Cote and her company for calling in ahead of time to find out what was necessary. Straw wattles are proposed along with silt fence.

Motion was made by Valerie Marshall to close the hearing for 14 Kendall Drive; seconded by James Marsh. **Vote: 4:0:0**

10 Fairbanks Road Rental Property Discussion

Jane reported on the vandalism at the Fairbanks property. A neighbor had called and reported that all the windows in the house were broken and the place had been paintballed inside and out. Jane and Bob inspected the property and found only one broken window. The main lock on the property had been broken, but there was only minimal paintball damage. They did find a large amount of trash and liquor bottles and a make-shift toilet.

An email was sent to the Police Department and the DPW regarding securing the area. Everyone agreed that is a difficult place to secure and Roger Hill, DPW, said it would be expensive to button up. The best way to protect the property would be to get a renter in there. A new septic system is needed as well as heat and various repairs. Roger told Jane that an employee of the Town is interested in renting/repairing it. Val noted concern about renting Fairbanks differently than the other properties. Debbie Giardino, Recreation Department, stated that their lease would be ready this week and would be advertised in the Reporter. All properties can use the same lease. The Commission discussed the need for the funds from the rental units for repairs and that the Recreation Department keeps their rental monies. Finance Director Randy Scollins had said the Town depends of the rents from the Commission's properties but anything over that amount could go to the Commission for repairs etc.

No Trespassing signs will be put up around the property. Jane will email Kevin Paicos and request Legal Counsel's opinion regarding renting Fairbanks for less than Fair Market Value if the renter is fixing the property. Property can be fixed in stages; septic tank first.

Neponset Reservoir RAO Response

The Commission reviewed the letter of response that was drafted by Judi.

Motion was made by Valerie Marshall to allow Bob to sign the response as amended and send it to Paul Ahearn, Invensys Systems, Inc.; seconded by Eric Nelson. **Vote: 4:0:0**

Hersey Farm Sub-License

The Commission reviewed the State DAR's changes to the Hersey Farm sub-license. The Commission discussed the corrections and comments from Ms. Hopson. Signed copies will be sent to the Discretionary Fund and the MDAR.

Motion was made by Valerie Marshall to approve the Hersey Farm Sub-License as amended, using Barbara Hopson's comments and edits; seconded by James Marsh. **Vote: 4:0:0**

Highlawn Farm

Jane received a call from Lisa Sinkus regarding outstanding taxes due on the parcels of land at Highlawn Farm. Town Planner, Sharon Wason is looking into this.

Bleachery Pond Dam

Bob and Jane will attend a meeting with Kevin Paicos, Bob Swanson and the engineers to discuss the Bleachery Pond Dam on 10/15 at 2 PM. The focus is on the sluiceway and what to do about it. The dam owners do not have any money for repairs.

Lincoln Hill

Val stated that she was not in favor of selling the Lincoln Hill property. She feels doing so is against the vote taken at Town Meeting to acquire the property. At that time it was voted to preserve the land for conservation and recreation purposes. Val would like this item to be placed on the next agenda when Judi will be present. The sale of the property would have to go to Town Meeting. Bob will contact Mr. Paicos and inform him that some of the Commission members are opposed to selling the property.

14 Kendall Drive, DEP #157-506, Order of Conditions

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to issue and sign the Order of Conditions as drafted for DEP #157-506, 14 Kendall Drive; seconded by Jim Marsh. **Vote: 4-0-0**

MassDOT, DEP #157-505, Order of Conditions

Motion was made by Eric Nelson to issue and sign the Order of Conditions as drafted for DEP #157-505; seconded by Valerie Marshall. **Vote: 4-0-0**

Minutes, May 14, 2012

Motion was made by James Marsh to accept the minutes of May 14, 2012, seconded by Valerie Marshall. **Vote: 4:0:0**

52 Neponset Heights Avenue, DEP #157-495

The applicant was not present, but had requested an extension to October 31, 2012 for project completion. Jane stated that she viewed the property and it looked like they were progressing with their restoration. She recommended granting the extension. The Commission agreed to the extension as requested.

Foundry Pond Drawdown

Jane was contacted by a resident regarding drawdown at Foundry Pond. She directed her to Cindy Kalifa and suggested the forming of a Friends of Foundry Pond group to work with the Commission about this.

Meeting Adjourned

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Nelson, Clerk

Draft minutes submitted by Lee Ann Tavares: 10/4/12

Approved by Commission: 10/22/12

Documents, Not Referenced Above, Reviewed During Meeting

Attached Documents:

1. Agenda, October 1, 2012
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