



MINUTES
 STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 REGULAR MEETING-May 1, 2007
 BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 209 7:30 PM

Present: Mr. Pineo, Mr. Michalak, Ms. Valentine, Mr. Stone, Mr. Curtin, Associate Schnare, Mr. Marro, field agent.

Secretary's Report for April 2006

Treasurer's Report for April 2006- Mr. Marro reviewed the current accounts with the Commission.

1. Chapter 61 Release Requests.

2. Meeting Notices and communications. -Mr. Marro reviewed the mail with the Commission.

3. Old Business/Enforcement.

4. New Business

4.1 Tom Christopher from resource Management appeared before the Commission to explain a reclamation project using paper fiber as soil augmentation. He noted the project did not need to come to the Commission but he was appearing as a courtesy.

The project is on Mr. Baldarelli's gravel pit. Mr. Baldarelli would like a letter from the Commission stating the project could proceed. Mr Christopher outlined the areas to be reclaimed for the Commission. Mr. Michalak inquired if there was to be any soil manufacturing on site. Mr. Christopher replied no. Mr. Michalak also inquired about Chemical testing on site. Mr. Pineo requested the depth of product. Mr Christopher stated it would be 4 inches chisel plowed. Mr Michalak moved to issue a letter of approval. Ms. Valentine seconded and the Commission voted unanimously.

4.2 Sterling Sportsmans represented by Peter O'Connell appeared before the Commission with a pond reclamation proposal and wanted to know what the Commission desired for filing. The pond is currently silting and is a threat to the fish population. The club wishes to drain and clean out the pond and refill. Ms. Valentine wanted to know when

the pond was stocked. The response was usually in April. Mr. Michalak inquired about current pond depth which is 8-9 feet in some spots.

Mr. Stone inquired if there was water quality testing and it was stated that pH changes in the water were reflective of the depth changes due to silt and that it was affecting fish populations. Mr. Stone inquired as to the surface area and it was noted to be one acre. Mr. Stone noted that a Notice of Intent should be filed to which the rest of the Commission agreed to. The club will file the Notice as soon as possible.

4.2 Curt Plante was granted a 3 year extension on Sandy Ridge Road Lot 10.

4.3 Nicole West – Ms. Valentine informed the Commission that Nicole west is writing a case study on the Overlook property and it will be featured on the UMASS website.

4.4 Ms. Valentine noted that the article the Commission presented for the warrant for the Mudgett property was not on the warrant. This was the second time the article was submitted but not on the warrant. The Commission requested that Mr. Marro write the Selectmen inquiring as to why.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS/ MEETINGS

8:00 P.M. : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public meeting on a request for a determination of applicability by Robert Krantz for the installation of a tight tank at 3 Magnoila Way.

Chris Mackenzie from Whitman and Bingham was present fo the installation of a tight tank. He noted the tank is out of the buffer zone but a small portion of the main was in the buffer zone. Mr. Marro noted that he inspected the site and recommended a negative determination.

Mr. Michalak moved for a negative determination. Mr. Stone seconded and the Commission voted unanimously.

8:10 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Ron Pichierri for the construction of a commercial facility at 209-211 Worcester Road.

The hearing was continued to May 15, 2007 at 8:00 PM

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM.