



## Minutes

### STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING-November 18, 2008 BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 209 7:30 PM

#### Treasurer's Report for Sept 2008

- 1.Chapter 61 Release Requests.
- 2.Meeting Notices and communications.
- 3.Old Business/Enforcement.
- 4.New Business.
  - 4.1 Certificate of Compliance- Trebor Lane

4.2 Ms. Valentine noted to the Commission that there is a group forming to work out details on a potential dog park that may utilize the overlook property as a part of it. Ms. Valentine also noted that there has been vandalism and graffiti at the signs at the overlook property. Mr. Marro will email the police chief. Mr. Marro will also send an email to the town administrator asking her to ask town counsel to give the commission and interpretation of what our rights are for the easement.

4.3 Mr. Marro noted to the Commission that due to the reworking of office space it has been proposed that the current rec dept office could be converted to BOH/con com. Mr. Stone moved to accept the change of office space to share the room occupied by Rec with the BOH with new keys and security for their exclusive use only. Mr. Michalak seconded and the commission voted unanimously.

4.4 Mr. Marro read a letter to the Commission about the use of the butterick parcel for a potential senior center.

## Public Hearings

8:00 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public hearing on a

Notice of Intent By Wind River Environmental for the replacement of a septic system at 185 Clinton Road

185 Clinton Road : Erik Jacobsen outlined the proposal for the septic replacement for Clinton road. Mr. Pineo examined the plans for the outlines of the resource areas. Mr. Marro noted the areas appear accurately depicted on the plans. Mr. Pineo examined where the present system was. Mr. Stone examined the location of the system within the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Jacobsen noted that the BOH has approved this. Mr. Marro noted that a standard order of conditions would suffice. Mr. Stone moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions as per the plans submitted. Mr. Michalak 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 US Lawns for the building of a retaining wall at 61 Lakeshore Drive.

61 Lakeshore Drive : Mr. Marro noted that there is an endangered species issue that still needs to be answered and recommended that the hearing be continued the next regular meeting by motion of Mr. Stone and a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote.

8:20 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public hearing on a Notice of Intent by Sterling Countryside Builders for grading within the buffer zone at Griffin Road and Sherwood Drive.

11 Sherwood Drive: Paul Grazewicz representing the applicant outlined the area. He noted that the soils were sands and gravel with a steep slope. The applicant also noted that some septic system testing will be done on the property.

Mr. Stone noted that this action is the result of the enforcement order. Mr. Marro noted that the trench was dug in and the silt went in the buffer zone. Mr. Ralph Munier noted that this area has been loomed and seeded. Mr. Grazewicz noted that this proposal will stop any further erosion within the property within the buffer zone. The Chairman noted that the delineation needs to be finished. The applicant noted that the perc testing will be the final determination in the use of the flagging. The proposal is to make a stone ditch/interceptor trench that would be placed back into the ground water. Mr. Marro inquired as to the disposition as the existing trench. The applicant noted that it would be filled as soon as the infiltrator is complete. Charles Hadju 18 Griffin Road noted that there is a six lot preliminary approval on the area at the current time. Chris Roering 21 Sherwood Drive noted a concern that the water source is a natural spring feeds the wetland system and noted several potential rare species. He noted concerns that the trench could change the nature of the wetland systems. Mr. Stone inquired as to the current state of the area. Mr. Roering stated that the area has been partially cleared. Mr. Stone noted that the Conservation Commission noted that springs are not considered as potential wetlands. Mr. Marro explained what is a state protectable wetland resource area. He also outlined that there is a MESA potential issue. Mr. Stone examined the Mass GIS maps. Mr. Michalak recommended a formal site walk. Mr. Stone wanted more narrative written for the remedial action.

A site walk was scheduled for this Saturday at 9 am at Sherwood Drive on the right of way. The hearing was continued by motion of Mr. Michalak and seconded by Mr. Pineo with a unanimous vote of the commission for December 2, 2008 at 8:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM