



MINUTES  
STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING- April 7, 2015  
BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 207 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

3. New Business

3.1 Budget Meeting with Fin Com

4. Old Business

4.1 Follow up on all warrant articles from town meeting

4.2 Signatures on previous approvals

4.3 Potential warrant articles.

4.4 Mudget work ( allowed by the chairman ) – Scot & Marie Pendleton 36 Swett Hill Road had appeared before the commission noting that they had met with Ms. Valentine and Brian Cline on site at the orchard and expressed concern about the work proposed under the awarded grant. Mr. Curtin wanted to know what the specific issues were. Both noted they were concerned with the privacy they may lose. Mr. Valentine had noted that she had spent over an hour on site with them explaining the project and reminded them that they discussed the goal was to keep it as natural as possible and would be amendable to placing vegetation for privacy. She also reminded them that you can see the existing road and that is what is slated for maintenance. Mrs. Pendleton inquired as to who was going to be responsible to be designing the parking area and roadway. Mr. Pineo noted that it was the commission and Ms. Valentine was amenable to the Pendleton's helping out with that. MR. Pendleton noted that there is water issues on the open space. Mr. Pineo noted that the current goal is to place the flow back into the wetland to alleviate the problem. Mr. Pendleton noted that there was a catch basin that outlets on conservation land that may be an issue. Mr. Pineo noted that there was plans with DPW to remediate that issue. It was noted that the parking area is flat and not heavily vegetative and well drained gravel, however final plans haven't been finished yet. Mrs. Pendleton inquired as to the expiration of the grant. Ms. Valentine indicated that it was a couple of years and that there was a possibility of applying for more money. Mr. Curtin noted sympathy for the abutters but reminded them that this is town open land that was designated for open space and did note that these areas aren't heavily used and should not be overrun. Mr Pineo feels the current state of the land creates some safety issues for

the abutters and the grant implementation would actually alleviate that area. Mr. Pendleton indicated that he did not want this project to go forward but would work to try to help out with the planning. The Pendleton's agrees to leave contact information to the commission.

5. Enforcement – NONE CURRENT

6. Certificate of Compliance – NONE CURRENT

7. Agents report to the Commission:

7.1 Upcoming items/report – Items for the next meeting. Mr Marro noted that a Notice of Intent has been filed for a septic at 10 Pikes Hill Road.

7.2 Funding requirements for future projects – No issues discuss at this time.

7.2 Storm water NEW state NPDES permit update and wetland regs update Mr. Marro noted that the training on storm water permitting and federal regulation session is going to be rescheduled due to a conflict with the trainer.

## PUBLIC AND CONTINUED HEARINGS

7:45 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a CONTINUED public hearing on a Notice of Intent by Charles Pillsbury for the construction of a single family home on Lot 1, Map 17 Parcel 42, Tuttle Road.

7:50 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a CONTINUED public hearing on a Notice of Intent by Charles Pillsbury for the construction of a single family home on Lot 2, Map 17 Parcel 42, Tuttle Road.

The meeting has been continued to May 5, 2015 at 7:45 PM and 7:50 PM at the applicant's request. Mr. Curtin moved to continue the meeting until the requested date. MR Pineo seconded and the Commission voted unanimously.

8:00 PM :Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a CONTINUED public meeting on a request for a determination by Walter Wilbur for the construction of a garage/porch/breezeway addition at 362 Redemption Rock Trail.

Mr. Marro reminded the Commission that this was continued to wait for DCR to render a decision. They exempted the proposed work. He recommended a negative determination with haybales. Mr. Curtin recommend a negative determination. Ms. Valentine seconded and the commission voted unanimously.