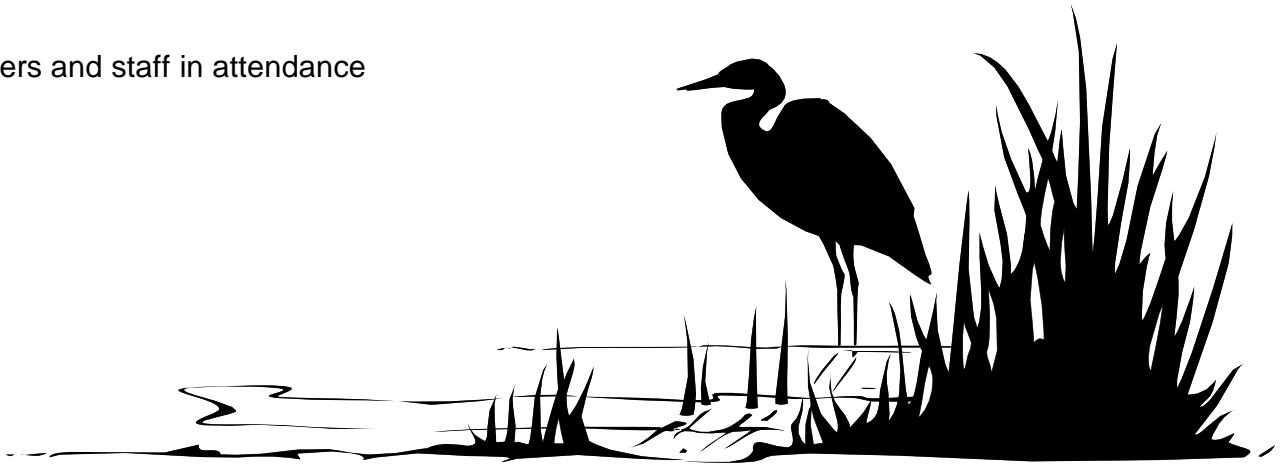


All members and staff in attendance



MINUTES
STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING- May 6, 2014
BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 207 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.

The Commission discussed letters from Jim Gettens regarding James Simpsons development. Mr Curtin read the letter to the Commission noting issues in contention with the manner of the delineation of the wetlands. Mr. Marro noted that he has visited the site multiple times and that there is no current violation within the 100 foot buffer zone of wetland system and as such there is no current violation. However he did note to the developer that the bales must be in place. The lines for the bales are currently being surveyed. The Commission agreed to perform a site walk at 8:00 AM on Saturday May 10, 2014.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

2.1 April 15, 2014. Mr Pineo moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2014. Mr. Curtin seconded and the Commission voted unanimously.

3. New Business

3.1 Hardscrabble Road.-easement progress report. Mr. Marro reported that the easement previously discussed by the commission is being located by survey.

Ms Valentine noted that there was going to be cleanup organized and there and Mr Tuttle from DPW has volunteered to remove the trash collected.

4. Old Business

4.1 Follow up on all warrant articles from town meeting – Mr. Marro noted that there has been some activities on commission properties acquired through previous town meeting warrants. He noted that at the overlook open space it appears that there has been some wood illegally taken off the property and is asking the Commission advice on how to handle it.

He also noted that the recently approved senior center has attracted the attention of DCR who asked for a pdf copy of the plans which Mr. Marro provided . Brian Cline requested that the Commission consider making some non binding recommendations on the wetlands and requested a potential no touch zone. The wetland he noted also did not show any relationship

to sparac pond. Mr. Pineo feels it is a drainage system. Mr Cline felt strongly that as it is a town agency they should be amenable to a no touch zone.

4.2 Signatures on prior hearings- The Commission signed forms from the prior two meetings.

5. Enforcement

6. Certificate of Compliance

7. Agents report to the Commission:

7.1 Upcoming items/report – Flooding and erosion inspections. Mr Marro noted he inspected the sensitive areas during flooding rains in the last few weeks and noted almost no issues.

Hearings

7:45 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public meeting on request for a determination of applicability by Mass DOT. This project consists of resurfacing portions of Route 12 in the Towns of Sterling and West Boylston. The southerly limit of this project is a pavement joint near the intersection with Western Avenue (mm 29.8 ±) in the Town of West Boylston. The northerly limit is at the end of state highway located near the center of the Town of Sterling (mm 33.4 ±). The total length of the project is approximately 3.6 miles

William Clougherty from DOT was present and narrated the proposal to the commission. After the presentation Brian Cline was noting issues relating to the road way by the rail trail and was hoping for warning markings within the gates trail roadway area. Mr. Marro noted that DCR wanted some drainage swales cleaned along that route and recommend that it be entered into the determination. Mr. Michalak moved to issue a negative determination with the addition of cleaning the swales. Mr Pineo seconded and the Commission voted unanimously

8:00 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public meeting on request for a determination of applicability by Edward and Edith McNamara for the placement of a shed within 10 feet of east lake Washacum. There will be no wetland alteration nor work within the lake proposed.

Edith McNamara was present and outlined the Commission as to the proposal which was a very small shed and would be a portable structure. Over 4 inches of crushed stone. Mr Marro recommend a negative determination. Mr. Curtin moved to issue a negative determination for the six by ten foot shed. Mr. Michalak seconded and the commission voted unanimously.

NOTE: MRS ROBERTI RECUSED HERSELF AND MR PINEO CHAIRED THE 8:00 MEETING ABOVE.