



MINUTES
STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING- August 4, 2015
BUTTERICK BUILDING- ROOM 207 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

3. New Business

3.1 Dave Fischer from Fischo came before the commission for informational purposes. He noted that he needed to come to the commission to show an area that needed to be cut by the dam structure to allow for a phase 2 inspection on that dam.

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 Mudgett Project The Singletons' – Marie and Scott (abutters) to the project came to the commission voicing objection to the commission concerning drainage, parking and the pathway as well as clearing of trees. They noted drainage issues and requested a drainage study. They also reviewed an ortho photo. They noted the salamanders they found on the property, they requested a wildlife habitat study. They noted concerns about dog walking on the property. They noted the road is not a cleared existing roadway. They noted concerns about illegal access to the beach and hunting.

Ms. Valentine noted that we are in planning stages there is a surveyed plan being worked on and there is flagging in the area. She also noted that there was careful planning to minimize impacts to the land to minimize cutting.

The abutter noted that the area was close to their back yard. And why cant the town use the existing parking.

The chair asked if the road and parking was the issue. The response was yes.

Ms. Valentine noted that current plan is for ada access that would allow for meadow.

Mr Marro suggested specific agencies that could address ADA issues.

The abutters requested copies of the grant.

Mr. Curtin noted that in the meeting in April the commission noted that there was an existing

road that is being opened up and that the issues outlined are too far forwarding .The plans are being developed. The Commission spoke with Peder Petersen of the OSIC. The Commission will examine the other parcel and drive access for spaces, however it was noted that it is still operating under the grant ADA requirements.

5. Enforcement –

6. Certificate of Compliance

7. Agents report to the Commission:

7.1 Upcoming items/report – Items for the next meeting.

7.2 Updates on east lake work proposal.

7.2 Storm water NEW state NPDES permit update and wetland regs update- training update

PUBLIC AND CONTINUED HEARINGS

7:45 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public meeting on a request for a determination by Mass DCR for work on Redemption rock Trail and Merrill road :

2. a. Work Description (see additional paper submitted pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40A)

Work will include demolition and removal of the former boiler/steam plant and 2 birthing sheds and will be done by a private contractor, on behalf of the Commonwealth of MA - DCR, Division of Water Supply Protection. The concrete block building will be removed by heavy equipment from the front. The concrete slab will be left in place with no ground disturbance or alteration taking place. Proper erosion controls will be placed behind the building approximately 4 feet off of the wetland boundary and will be monitored until project completion, which is anticipated to be less than one week.

Paula Davison from DCR outlined the scope of the proposal and erosion mitigation for the commission. She also noted that she will be supervising the work in question. Mr. Curtin moved to issue a negative determination, MS. Valentine seconded and the Commission vote unanimously.

8:00 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a public meeting on a request for a determination by Raymond Paige for the placement of a 15 foot brick walkway and the vegetation clearing around an existing foot bridge in the 100 foot buffer zone of 17 Gibbons Drive.

Mr. Page explained the nature of the project to the Commission. Mr Curtin moved to issue a negative determination. Mr. Mosley 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 request for an amendment to an Order of Conditions by Dean Day for the addition of a garage within the 100 foot buffer zone at 71 Beaman Road.

Mr. Day explained the issues surrounding adding the garage to his existing Order of Conditions. Mr. Curtin examined the plans and found no issues. Mr. Marro examined the site prior to the meeting and had no issues. Mr. Curtin moved to issued an amended Order. Ms Valentine seconded and the commission voted unanimously.