

SOUTHBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007
TOWN HOUSE MEETING ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
MEETING MINUTES

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Southborough held a meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the 2nd floor Town House Meeting Room.

Members Present: John Leeds, Richard Upjohn, and Rhonda Russian.

Members Absent: Louis Bartolini Ann Leavitt, Phil Bevins and Mark Possemato.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with John Leeds as chairperson.

CONTINUED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT – FAY SCHOOL, ASSESSORS MAP 53, LOTS 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 AND 25 AND MAP 54, LOTS 2, 14 AND 16:

Mr. Leeds was unable to open the hearing since the Commission was lacking a quorum. Mr. Leeds continued the hearing to 12/6/07 at 6:00 p.m.

CONTINUED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT – BARTOLINI BUSINESS PARK, 276, 278 AND 280 TURNPIKE ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 26, LOTS 12, 13 AND 14:

Mr. Leeds was unable to open the hearing since the Commission was lacking a quorum. Mr. Leeds continued the hearing to 12/6/07 at 6:15 p.m.

CONTINUED NOTICE OF INTENT – SAGE INVESTORS, 154 MAIN STREET, ASSESSORS MAP 51, LOTS 36, 38 AND PORTION OF LOT 1:

Mr. Leeds was unable to open the hearing since the Commission was lacking a quorum. Mr. Leeds continued the hearing to 12/6/07 at 6:45 p.m.

CONTINUED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT AND NOTICE OF INTENT – RASIAH SELVAAYAGAN, 43 & 45 TURNPIKE ROAD, ASSESSORS MAP 39, LOTS 16 & 17:

Mr. Leeds was unable to open the hearing since the Commission was lacking a quorum. Mr. Leeds continued the hearing to 12/6/07 at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Breakneck Hill Cow Fund License Agreement Renewal:** Laurie and Paul Bourdon of the Cow Fund were present and asked the Commission to consider a proposal to install more permanent fencing in the cow pastures, as suggested by the Animal Control Officer, in order to improve the containment of the herd. It was also suggested that the License Agreement language needed updating as a result of the installation of the water line. Lacking a quorum, the Commission was unable to approve the proposal, and instructed Conservation Administrator Beth Rosenblum to draft a letter temporarily extending the expiring License Agreement until the Commission and Town Counsel are able to review and approve the proposed amendments.
2. **Open Space Preservation Commission – discussion about revising local wetlands bylaw:** Lacking a quorum, the Commission was unable to open a formal discussion with the members

of the OSPC who were present (Thad Soule and Frederica Gillespie). Mr. Leeds asked Ms. Rosenblum to schedule an additional meeting on December 13, 2007 to hold this discussion. Informally, the Commission asked the OSPC to prepare responses for the next meeting to the following: Would amending the bylaw make more sense than completely rewriting it? How does your proposal compare with the current local bylaw? With the MACC model bylaw?

3. **15 Woodland Road – Possible enforcement issue:** Ms. Rosenblum summarized the possible wetlands-related issues about the demolition of the house and shed. Ed Estella of 21 Woodland Road provided further details. Mr. Upjohn confirmed that a technical violation of the Wetlands Protection Act had occurred, but it was minor and did not cause negative impacts to resource areas. The Commissioners asked Ms. Rosenblum to issue an Enforcement Order on Monday morning, instructing the property owner to cease and desist from all further work on the site until a Request for Determination of Applicability is filed in order to determine wetland boundaries and whether the project triggers a SMP filing. Peter Bemis of Engineering Design Consultants, who represents the property owner, agreed to the above.
4. **SMP Deadline – Bartolini Business Park:** Ms. Rosenblum informed the Commission the 90-day deadline to issue a Decision on the SMP was approaching on November 27, 2007. Lacking a quorum, the Commission was unable to vote to continue the Decision beyond the deadline. Mr. Leeds asked Ms. Rosenblum to schedule an Emergency Meeting for November 20, 2007 for the sole purpose to discuss and vote on an extension of the Bartolini Business Park SMP deadline.
5. **The December 6, 2007 meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. All unfinished items will be placed on the December 6, 2007 agenda, and the applicant's will be duly notified.**

Mr. Leeds adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rosenblum
Conservation Administrator