

Conservation Commission Draft Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Attendance: Conservation Commission members: Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, Mike Duddy, John Marchewka, Judith Dooley; Town Planner Maureen O'Meara. Guest: Seth Sprague, Sprague Corporation

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
2. July 2009 minutes were not submitted by the secretary and will be distributed for review during the October 2009 meeting.
3. The CC members were briefed on the correspondence between the Town and Phillip O'Hearn regarding landscape encroachment onto Town owned land located next to the Leighton Farm subdivision. CC members agreed that encroachment issues should be dealt with uniformly in accordance with the deed. The CC will draft a memo to the Town Council outlining the CC's position on the encroachment issue related to the O'Hearn property.
4. Sprague Easement Update for Great Pond Trail  
Town currently has a vaguely written easement over portions of the Great Pond trail. Discussions between the CC and Seth Sprague regarding proposed changes to the existing easement. CC proposed establishing an easement along the new boardwalk section of the trail to provide buffer due to some uncertainty about the property line location along that stretch. In the area between Fenway Road and the boat launch, the CC proposed an easement area to encompass the boat launch and access way, rather than a linear easement along the trail leading from Fenway to the boat launch. CC agreed to review property ownership information near the end of Golden Lane to determine if an easement from the Sprague Corporation is needed in that section of the trail. CC will recommend a description to the Town Council for its consideration.
5. Winnick Woods Parking Lot Expansion  
CC reviewed parking lot expansion plan. Dick Bauman represented CC at Planning Board workshop. September 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting to present final plan for approval. Cape's Town engineer will be at meeting to present plan and answer questions along with available CC members.
6. Dick Bauman expressed concern over trail damage caused by bicyclists. Recommends that the CC express concern to Town Council and suggest ways to fix existing damage and prevent future damage. Discussion on limiting, or preventing bike use on certain trails and possibly certain trails at certain times of the year. Discussed installing signs on certain trails that are most susceptible to rutting. CC agreed to installing a sign or signs at Winnick Woods to see if the problem lessens. Also discussed posting a sign-up sheet, or contact information for users interested in helping to maintain the trails.

7. Maureen O'Meara presented a power point presentation on the proposed Shore Road pathway. The presentation included the concept plan, aerial photographs showing the proposed route, and mock-ups showing what the pathway would look like. September 15<sup>th</sup> public hearing is scheduled to hear public comment on the proposed plan.
8. CC decided to begin discussions on next spring's 8<sup>th</sup> grade project, so that materials staging could occur this fall or winter to avoid moving materials along trails during the wet season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.