

DRAFT Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

Present: Dena DeSena, Zach Matzkin, Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, John Marchewka, Garvan Donegan, Marti Blair, Council Liaison Jessica Sullivan, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Citizens comments. None.
3. Minutes of April 12, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
4. Correspondence. None.
5. Winnick Woods improvements. Lots of gravel was spread. Many workers enjoyed using leaf blowers, although the Commission isn't sure that activity was strictly necessary.
6. Spurwink River bridge access improvements. The work day is Saturday, May 14 at 8:00. Hopefully several volunteers will come, since it has received wide coverage in the press. The materials will be delivered to the site.

Maureen met with Chris Franklin and Skip Murray and measured 67 feet of gravel and geotextile needed on the Land Trust side. We agreed to split the cost, it will be \$500 for the town and \$500 for the Land Trust, meaning the town will be subsidizing the Land Trust's side.

Motion: To accept Skip Murray and Son's price for installation of gravel and geotextile fabric on the north side of Spurwink River Bridge as described in the Murray proposal dated April 25, 2011, at a price not to exceed \$650.

Vote: 7-0, passed unanimously

Dena will meet the volunteers and bring them down, everyone else meet at the north side.

7. Planning Board Review.

Golden Ridge Subdivision Amendment. Golden Ridge LLC is requesting amendments to the previously approved Golden Ridge subdivision to create another lot located at the end of Golden Ridge Lane. Instead of giving land, Golden Ridge wants to pay the fee.

Rosewood Subdivision Amendment. Joe Frustaci is requesting amendments to the previously approved Rosewood Subdivision to create another lot at the end of Rosewood Drive. Instead of giving land, Frustaci wants to pay the fee.

Bothel Blueberries RP Permit. Adam Salve is requesting a Resource Protection permit to remove 31,581 sq. ft. of vegetation in an RP1 Buffer in order to plant high bush blueberries on the lot located behind 88 Ocean House Rd. The Commission is invited to give comments on completeness now. The Commission is required to give comments on the plan to the Planning Board at the Public Hearing which would probably be scheduled for May 21. He wants to cut within the 250 feet buffer zone of the wetlands, because there is good sunlight and good drainage. Work includes removing trees and stumps, planting grass and then interspersing blueberries. 106 trees will be removed, some of which has already happened, 600 blueberry bushes will be planted. He is planning a pick -your-own operation and a wholesale operation.

Acceptable use in a wetland buffer is a political definition on the part of the town, consistent with scientific definition. They made a list of what is allowed in a wetland buffer. For example, you are not allowed to build a parking lot and you are allowed to conduct agriculture, with a permit. You can't fill and you can't clear, but can do that if it's part of permit you obtained.

Standards of review: are you avoiding wetland impact, are you reducing impact, are you mitigating impact.

Maureen will draft a memo to the Planning Board stating that the Conservation Commission would like to participate in a site walk.

In our future comments, we may want to make specifications regarding drainage and erosion control.

8. The Land Trust is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. On Trails Day, June 5, they are having a town walk, with 20 attendees. The Conservation Commission is invited to attend. Dena, Zach, and Garvan are planning to go.

9. The Shore Road Path was unanimously approved by the Town Council last night.

10. Garvan and Marti attended the Lands Conference. Garvan reported on a climate change adaptation workshop he went to. Conservation Commissions and Land Trusts are being encouraged to think about planning for climate change. Garvan also attended a session on wind power mapping. Marti and Garvan both attended the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions. A major topic of discussion at the meeting was revisions to the Maine Conservation Commission Law.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting June 14.