

Egremont Conservation Commission
Minutes, meeting of 8/10/2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7 pm

Commissioners Present	Bill Tynan (Chair), David Seligman, Alina Hsu Absent: Ron Ronan
Guests	None

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

1	None
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PROJECTS (NEW AND ONGOING)

2	Cather 64 Prospect Lake Rd File No 153-0198	Site visit 8/9/17 (report attached) Bridghe McCracken will email ConCom at end of each stage of work so that we can schedule site visits as needed.
3	Kayvan/Shemshack 13 Nicholson Road File No 153-0207 Pond enlargement	DEP appeal: Oxbow Associates will conduct habitat review, before deadline of 9/1.
4	Tim Hosier, Rd Superintendent Mt Washington Bridge File No 153-0208	ACoE had a site visit on 8/3; Bill attended as observer. The new bank differs from the old bank, due to the presence of 6" minor stones in streambed. ACoE concluded that Town should revise the application to include "minor stream amendments", and that should settle the matter.
5	Denise Kohn/Adam Blank 8 Lakeside Drive File No 153-0211	We have received a report from Emily Stockman, with new delineation and a proposed methodology for the work, which might be helpful to us in writing the OOC. We will schedule a hearing for 7:30 on 8/24. Bill to submit legal notice to Berkshire Record. Bill to notify Abigail that p.3 of NOI has to be completed, to reflect project details.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

6	None
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CORRESPONDENCE

7	Mass DFW	Priority& Estimated Habitats poster (replaced old poster on ConCom wall)
8	MACC	Receipt for payment of MACC dues
9	Town newsletter	Submissions due 8/23
10	Stinson - DEP Newsletter Excerpt re enforcement	Enforcement is still a very busy issue for us and for commissions. One size does not fit all when it comes to taking enforcement action and getting compliance. I will be glad to work with you on enforcement, trying to get compliance and also helping with the language on the enforcement form. If you can, please email me the enforcement order form for any enforcement action you take, then send in the paper copy when ratified. I, or other staff here, can better assist you getting compliance with your order if you let us help you. Sometimes the enforcement order is poorly written and we can't do much of anything. You should be sending us the emergency permits or enforcement orders as soon as you issue anyway, not three weeks after the fact. Oh, verbal enforcement doesn't get you anywhere. Plus if you verbally order someone to work in jurisdiction, you are violating the regulations as well as nothing allows verbal approval of work that needs permitting.
11	Stinson - DEP Newsletter Excerpt re stream crossing replacements	Next item will be stream crossing replacements conducted by your highway department or DPW. There is no exemption for them. They have to comply with the regulations and the stream crossing standards just like anyone else. They need to file, typically a Notice of Intent. I will be more than willing to spend time with the commission and highway department looking at stream crossings, trying to help all understand full compliance as well as maximum extent practicable. It is not as difficult to figure out as some people think. I have done this field work scores of times throughout the region in various

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Conservation Commission Site Inspection Report

File No: 153-0198

Site Inspection Date: 8/9/17

General Weather Conditions: Excellent

Commission Members Present : Bill Tynan, Chairman; David Seligman

For the Property Owner: Bridghe McCracken, Helialand Design

Location: 64 Prospect Lake Rd.

Owner of Record: Cather

Address: See NOI

Phone Number:

Email:

Inquiry/Purpose of Visit: Review landscaping progress and schedule, which has fallen behind original plan.

Descriptions of Conditions on Site/Compliance with OOC: No observed problems. Completion delayed due to materials unavailability

Recommendation (if applicable) Issue Enforcement Order: _____ Issue Positive Determination of Applicability:

Silt fence to remain in place until project completion and
concom sign-off. Submit new completion schedule, Notify Commission
Issue Negative Determination of Applicability _____ Issue Certificate of Compliance _____ at each stage, for possible additional visits.

Continue to Monitor OOC Condition _____ Compliant _____ Other (Specify)

Additional comments: Discussed with Bridghe why the project was behind (very small lot, cannot do things simultaneously). Agreed she'd advise us at the completion of each revised step so we can do quick site visits.

[NOTE: Signatures below do not designate agreement or disagreement with eventual Commission decisions, merely that the Owner(s)/Representative(s) were present at the site visit.]

Signature of Inspector: David Seligman Date: 8/10/17

Signature of Landowner/Representative: _____ Date: _____

Representative's Owner Affiliation (Real Estate Agent, Builder, Etc.): _____

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Conservation Commission Site Inspection Report

File No: 153-0212

Site Inspection Date: 08/09/17

General Weather Conditions: Sunny

Commission Members Present : Bill Tynan, Chairman, David Seligman

For the Property Owner: Abigail Elwood, Horticultural Manager, Webster Landscapes
(Abigail@websterlandscapes.com)

Location: 8 Lakeside Dr.

Owner of Record: Denise Kohn & Adam Blank

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Inquiry/Purpose of Visit: Review proposed removal of trees near wetlands buffer zones. Plan has been substantially revised since original 4/16 proposal. Now includes plan report from Stockman Associates regarding all aspects of interest.

Descriptions of Conditions on Site: All affected areas have been properly flagged and correspond to the new project maps. Abigail walked us around the project and all appeared to fall in line with the proposed work. One area we'll need to agree on is on the east lawn side near the lake. It is in a wetlands and the idea is to mow a limited portion of it once a year to retard invasives.

Recommendation (if applicable): Review formal presentation at 8/10 meeting.

Issue Enforcement Order: _____ Issue Positive Determination of Applicability: _____

Issue Negative Determination of Applicability _____ Issue Certificate of Compliance _____

Continue to Monitor OOC Condition _____ Compliant _____ Other (Specify)

Additional comments:

Signature of Inspector: *Bill Tynan*

Date: 8/9/17

Signature of Landowner/Representative: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Representative's Owner Affiliation (Real Estate Agent, Builder, Etc.):
