

# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM  
Conference Room A  
Memorial Town Hall

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The Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ernie Grimes (Chairman), Judy Lochner, Steve Manuel, Mary McLaughlin

Commissioners Absent: Chris Plant, Karen Rubino, Warren Snow

Staff present: Ginny Scarlet & Lisa Daoust

**Minutes Approved:** June 24, 2009 – The minutes were tabled to the July 22, 2009 meeting

**Signed & Notarized:** Town of Spencer, Water Main, Order of Conditions  
41 Jolicoeur Ave., Certificate of Compliance

### **Other Business:**

**41 Jolicoeur Avenue:** Ms. Scarlet showed pictures to the Commission. She said everything is stable and she recommended a Certificate of Compliance. *A motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance (Lochner/McLaughlin) passed 4/0.*

**Country Spirits:** Mr. Letendre has asked if biofence may be used instead of hay bales and silt fence. One reason is the hay bales are difficult to get at this time because nobody is cutting hay. Ms. Scarlet said the site is in between two big sites and she said it would be a relatively safe place to have biofence. Mr. Grimes said biofence was allowed at Laureldale Woods. EPA's data said it is more effective than hay bales and silt fence. Ms. Scarlet said one of the reasons she likes biofence is because it is easier to move around if it needs to be shifted. Mr. Manuel said in Mr. Letendre's letter, he stated that if the biofence does not work out he will go back to using hay bales and silt fence. Mr. Manuel is willing to give him a shot and see how it performs. *A motion to allow biofence instead of hay bales and silt fence for Country Spirits (Manuel/Lochner) passed 4/0.*

**135 Main Street:** Bob Caron, owner, requested a one year extension. The Order of Conditions had expired back on April, 2009. Mr. Caron went before the Planning Board last night and they granted him a one year extension. He did not know the Order had expired. Ms. Lochner said she would be willing to grant the Extension but the State Regulations state that once an Order has expired, no Extension can be granted. The Extension request has to be made at least 30 days before the expiration date of the Order. Ms. Scarlet said she contacted DEP and asked if there was any leeway. They told her if someone requests an Extension less than the 30 days before expiration, they are willing to let it slide. If the Order has expired, the Commission can not grant an Extension. The applicant/owner must refile a Notice of Intent. Ms. Scarlet told Mr. Caron that he can call DEP himself and try to get some leeway. Ms. Scarlet gave Mr. Caron DEP's contact information. Mr. Caron was told he has to have the new Notice of Intent in by July 22<sup>nd</sup> to be put on the August 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. Mr. Caron must also send a copy of the Notice of Intent to Natural Heritage again because there is riverfront area on the property.

**Site Visits:** The Commission will do site visits on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 8 a.m.; meet at the Town Hall.

**Meeting Nights:** Mr. Guida has asked that the Commission either move their meeting nights to Mondays or Tuesdays or to meet at the Library on Wednesday nights. Ms. Lochner is not available for Monday or Tuesday night meetings. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Manuel are not available for Tuesday night meetings. The Commission has decided to hold the meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights at the Library. Ms. Scarlet will inform Mr. Guida.

Ms. McLaughlin will not be attending the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

New Applications:   40 Wilson Street, RDA  
                          6 Condon Drive, NOI  
                          59 GH Wilson Road, NOI

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. (McLaughlin/Manuel) passed 4/0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Daoust, Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services