

# Conservation Commission – Town of Spencer

## *Minutes*



Conservation Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM  
Town Hall, McCourt Social Hall

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The Meeting was opened at 7:19 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Judy Lochner, Mary McLaughlin, Dana Reed, Ram Moennsad, Warren Snow

Commissioners Absent: Ernie Grimes

Staff present: Margaret Washburn

### **7:19 p.m. Opened the Continuation of Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for Stephen Goguen**

#### **Property: 134 West Main Street, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0764**

A revised plan, done by Graves Engineering, was submitted to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the new plan. The driveway is 800 feet long. The asphalt will be removed and crushed gravel will be installed. Bond Sand and Gravel will remove the materials from the site daily. Silt fence only will be installed on both sides of the driveway.

*A motion to close the public hearing (Moennsad/Reed) passed 4/0. Mr. Snow abstained as he was not in attendance at the last hearing.*

The proposed conditions are as follows:

- silt fence only will be installed
- standard conditions

*A motion to accept the plan as submitted with conditions as discussed (Reed/Moennsad) passed 4/0, Order of Conditions to be issued. Mr. Snow abstained.*

### **7:35 p.m. Opened the Public Hearing for Notice of Intent for James St. Germain**

#### **Property: 2.5 Buteau Road, Spencer, MA DEP#293-0763**

Mr. St. Germain submitted revised sketches to the Commission. A1 on the plan is where Mr. St. Germain is constructing a retaining wall in the front of his house. Part of the wall is within the 100 foot buffer zone. The wall is approximately 50 to 60 feet long and three to four feet high. The wall is 85 feet from the closest flag. He just had the wetlands re-delineated. He is not doing any work in the wetlands. The area will be loamed and

seeded. A2 part of the plan shows a 1,000 square foot disturbed area where Mr. St. Germain parks his work trailer. He had dug this area up years ago. No further work will be done in this area.

Mr. St. Germain must have the new replicated wetlands re-delineated by an Engineer or Wetland Soil Specialist in order to receive a Certificate of Compliance on the first Order of Conditions.

The Commission will do a site visit on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

*At the applicants' request, the hearing has been continued to January 11, 2012.*

**Minutes Approved:** October 26, 2011 – *A motion to approve the minutes as amended (McLaughlin/Reed) passed 4/0. Mr. Snow abstained.*

**Signed:** 17 South Spencer Road, Order of Conditions

**Other Business:**

**Depot Trail:** Fire Chief Parsons called Lisa to say that the storm-damaged trees need to be cleared from the trail and that the Highway Department cannot do it. Ms. Washburn went to the Town Accountant's office, where she was told they would contact Chief Parsons and Bill Shemeth, since it is Parks and Receptions responsibility.

**Wm. Casey Estate gravel pit:** Russ Jennings is re-grading the site and trucking out material. During Ms. Washburn's inspection, she noticed that vehicles exiting the site are not using the exit that has an anti-tracking pad. Sediment is being tracked out onto Cranberry Meadow Road. The sediment will make its way into the Cranberry River. Ms. Washburn wants to contact Mr. Jennings and tell him he needs to create only one entrance/exit and install an anti-tracking pad. Ms. Lochner suggested an anti-tracking pad at both exits. Ms. Washburn said that Ginny Scarlet had told her there should only be one entrance/exit with an anti-tracking pad. Ms. McLaughlin suggested that they can use both exits as long as both exits have anti-tracking pads. The Commission agreed.

**Spencer Abbey/Route 31 tree cutting:** Eben Butler came in to inform Ms. Washburn that the Highway Department wanted trees cut along both sides of Route 31 near the main entrance to the Spencer Abbey. Although it is a state road, the town maintains it. The purpose of the cutting is to improve the line of sight and for a proposed turning lane. They are planning to add a turning lane as part of the planning for truck traffic associated with the proposed brewery. Ms. Washburn called Kurt Leslie, their logger. He was already cutting the side across from the Abbey. Lee Jarvis and Ms. Washburn inspected on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It doesn't look like any wetlands were impacted and most of the trees were small. Ms. Washburn is going to meet Steve Tyler there next Wednesday to look for wetlands/buffers on the same side of Route 31 as the Abbey and discuss what filing, if any, is appropriate. Soil maps show wetlands further back from the road.

**Conservation Budget:** Ms. Washburn will send a request from the Commission to Lee Jarvis to include \$1,200 for Conservation trainings/conferences in next years' budget. Ms. Washburn will also ask Lee if there is any money left in the budget from this fiscal year.

New Applications: None

*A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. (McLaughlin/Reed) passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Daoust, Clerk  
Development & Inspectional Services

Documents reviewed at 11/9/11 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Proposed management plan for Sibley-Warner property presented by Michelle Buck (during Open Space Forum)

Agenda for 11/9/11 Spencer Conservation Commission meeting:

Draft minutes from 10/26/11 meeting.

NOI for 134 West Main St.

NOI for 2.5 Buteau Road, plus supplemental plans submitted by James St. Germain on 11/9/11.

Margaret Washburn's report dated 11/9/11.

Letter from Historical Commission re: Sibley-Warner property, dated 11/7/11.

Document from National Grid re: herbiciding, dated 11/7/11.

Topographic map with Eben Butler's sketch of proposed tree cutting near Spencer Abbey on Route 31.

List of the receivables of 2010 tax titles from Mary Barrell dated 10/18/11, and assessor's maps of the parcels.