

**WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

September 22, 2009

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Dan Pace, Peter Rodegast, Binnie Ravitch, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

Absent: Joanie Ames, Hadden Blair and Judy Crawford

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Tim Boland, Matthew Dix and Kent Healy

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The minutes of the August 25th meeting were approved. There was no meeting on September 8th.

There were no public hearings this evening.

New Business

Map 6 Lot 14.1/ Tim Boland made an informal presentation to the members on a possible project to remove Phragmites and Reed Canary Grass at two sites on property owned by Bill Graham. The proposal would be for using an herbicide application. This project would require the filing of a Notice of Intent. There were several questions. Maria was asked to check the files for a plan showing the wetlands delineations. No action was taken.

Map 15 Lot 6/ Emergency Certification: A motion was made and seconded to retroactively approve the issuance of an Emergency Certification for a failed well at the home of Prudy Carter Donovan. The work to repair the problem has been done. No additional paperwork is required. There are pictures in the file. All in favor.

Map 3 Lot 47/ 50 Stone Bridge Lane: On a site visit to Duarte's Pond brush cutting on Stone Bridge Lane could be seen across the pond. Maria took pictures. A letter will be sent to the property owner informing them that it is a violation of the WPA and local bylaw to remove vegetation within the Buffer Zone without prior Commission approval.

Old Business

Map 6 Lot 6/ SE79- 294 / 271 John Cottle Road: By letter dated September 3, 2009, Sourati Engineering submitted a request to change the location of the new septic tanks for this project. A new well was planned for this property, but water could not be found in the proposed location, so the existing well will continued to be used. This required the new septic tanks to be relocated. Originally located 66 feet+/- from the top of the bank, they will now be located within 38feet+/- from the top of the bank. The tanks will be located within the existing limit of work and does not require the removal of any vegetation. This change will not require any new special conditions there for an amendment to the Order of Conditions is not required. A motion was made and seconded to approve this change without a formal amendment to the Order of Conditions. A letter will be sent to Sourati Engineering.

Also, Maria reported that a pre-construction site visit was held on September 15, 2009 with several of the contractors working with John Early on this project. The erosion control measures were not yet in place. The property owner would like to put up chain link fencing instead of snow fencing, silt fencing and hay bales. The members did not see the need for chain link fencing at such a remote location and it does prevent the movement of wildlife through the area. Maria will tell the contractor that unless there is some compelling reason that they need to have a chain link fence, this request is denied.

Map 2 Lot 9.1/ SE 79-277/ Land Bank: Matthew Dix and Kent Healy were present to explain that they need permission to remove the woody vegetation on the top of the dam at Duarte's Pond so that Kent, as the Dam Safety Inspector for the town, can inspect the dam and make his report to the Dam Safety Board. There was some confusion as to which dam the Dam Safety Board was talking about so Kent and Matthew need to straighten that out. This was not a part of the Order of Conditions issued for other work at this site. Matthew will file a Request for Determination of Applicability for this clearing project. This is a low risk dam that requires inspection every ten years. The dam inspection was supposed to be completed by August 31, 2009. Kent has received an extension to December 30th.

Map 15 Lot 8 & 15/Borggaard: Prudy reminded us that a letter was to be sent to the Borggaards regarding unapproved clearing in the Riverfront Area.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED