

Buckland Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Buckland Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review and discussion of recent inquiries to the Conservation Commission.
3. Review previous meeting minutes.
4. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting.
5. Public Comment.
6. Instructional training by Mark Stinson, MA DEP. Topic to be determined.
7. Adjourn the meeting.

ATTENDEES

James Sullivan, Chairman
Thomas Heinig, Member
Alex Meade, Member
Kathy Lytle, Member
Mary Knipe, Member
Mary Bolduc, Boards' Clerk

MEETING

1. Open the meeting - Meeting was opened by James Sullivan at 6:04 p.m.
2. Review and discussion of recent inquiries to the Conservation Commission -
 1. Upper Street project was reviewed. Manager of project had called for Con Com to review. Alex reported on site visit.
 1. Silt control fences were in place but appeared rather flimsy, less sturdy than those used at town garage project.
 2. Silt bags did not appear to be as provided for in plans.
 3. Alex advised that attention should be paid to silt bags and storm drains.
 4. Did not appear to be drainage at that point for current rainfall. It raised the question of where rain runoff was going on stormy days.
 2. Clearing of land on an Upper Street property was addressed. Discussion included:
 1. James and Alex visited property and relayed new information from Mark Stinson to owners.
 2. Land clearing company has backed out due to wetlands constraints.
 3. Family now knows how to proceed, and were advised by Mark Stinson to hire a wetlands consultant before cutting. Bill Lattrell is the recommended contact.

4. Project must demonstrate necessity with no viable alternative. The Conservation Commission works to help the landowner.
3. Inquiry made regarding a ditch between two sections of hayfield on Route 112. It was determined that it was not a Conservation Commission/wetlands issue and work could proceed to improve drainage.
4. Con Com contacted by a Buckland resident inquiring whether she had a buildable lot. Also, Bill Lattrell walked a parcel on Charlemont Road which is a potential building site.
5. Forest cutting plans were discussed.
 1. DCR reports that they approved plan for cutting that occurred off Bray Road, but question was raised whether or not logging company used the plan they submitted. Damage was done to both Bray Road and Hog Hollow Road (curb cuts). Heather Butler, Town Administrator, wants to create a policy for cutting plans, landing zones, etc.
 2. If DCR wants their letters to be reviewed and acted upon within 10 days, a NOI needs to be filed. Conservation Commission is responsible to state, not town.
3. Review previous meeting minutes - Con Com members reviewed minutes. Tom moved to accept. Alex seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.
4. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting - Alex raised the issue of MGL Ch 44 Section 53G to discuss the Conservation Commission adopting rules in accordance with said chapter and section. This pertains to the hiring of consultants for projects under the Wetlands Protection Act. Member discussion followed.
5. Public comment - N/A
6. Instructional training by Mark Stinson, MA DEP. Topic to be determined - N/A
7. Adjourn the meeting - Tom moved to adjourn, seconded by Alex. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Andrew H. [unclear] 1/6/2020

Mary Kruger 1/6/2020

[Signature] 1/6/2020

Kathy [unclear] 1/6/2020