

# Approved Minutes

## TOWN OF GRANBY CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of September 9, 2014 Carnegie Library Building

Called to order at 7pm- Chair: EC. Attended by BS, Wenda L, Wil L, AF, DW and KC (assistant)

### 7:00 Building & Board of Health Permits

- The prospective buyers came forward to discuss (formerly Stu Fuller lot) Lot 10 Munsing Ridge, DEP file # 165-206 presented COC for the common infrastructure dated 1/31/2012. Seek to check with the Commission about future building on the lot, to make sure they were clear to move forward with the closing and purchase of the property.

### 7:15 Administrative Duties

1. Commentary  
BS, EC, and WiL went before the Selectboard—we authorized Mr. Lenart to do the Forge Pond dam inspection. The Finance Committee and the Selectboard dictated that ConCom expend the funds from the Conservation Commission Fee Account.
2. Post next meeting: September 23, 2014 – Posted by EC.
3. Approve Minutes: August 12 & 26, 2014 - EC made a motion to approve the minutes of the Aug 12 meeting, WiL sec'd. All voted in favor. DW made a motion to approve the minutes. AF sec'd. all voted in favor to approve.
4. Bills to Pay: Invoice from Kasie Collins for \$123.75 for Conservation Commission Assistant. WeL made a motion to approve and pay the bill. AF sec'd. All voted in favor.  
Discussion of how to pay Mr. Lenhart. The ConCom will craft a letter to the Selectboard requesting that Mr. Lenart be paid for his services.
5. Financial Accounts Update (quarterly) Mr. Martin said we have approx.. \$5,900 in the Fee account? KC will ask Cathy L. to ask Mr. Martin for a financial update.

### 7:30 Appointments/Public Hearings

7:30 PM \* *Continued*-“RDA” filed by The Street Lumber Corporation to see whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject/jurisdiction to the Wetland Protection Act with regards to property located “ 16.066 acre parcel between MASSWEST & Polish National Credit Union” Route 202, and known as Map 4-A-7.1 in the Town of Granby.

- EC recused from participation.
- Meeting opened and chaired by BS. Kevin Brooks presented findings from the test pits that were dug on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. BS had pictures from Mr. Ducharme (Granby Building Inspector) who witnessed the pits at the time due to ConCom scheduling difficulties. The pits were dug as directed by Mr. Robert LeMaitre, P.E. The pits were left to stabilize (groundwater) for 1.5 hours. A report of the findings was presented to the Commission from Mr. LeMaitre. In reviewing the findings of the test, the Conservation Commission has determined that the pond is not subject to the WPA.
- Accordingly, BS made a motion that the submitted RDA in regards to the pond is not subject to the WPA. WiL sec'd All voted in favor to make a negative determination #1.

7:45 PM “RDA” filed by Massachusetts Electric Company to determine whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act with regards to project location of Five Corners Substation (116 West State Street) and West State Street and known as Map 3—G3 in the Town of Granby.

- Melissa Kaplan from BSC Consulting presenting the work. Work is in the very outer edge of the RA and 100 ft Buffer Zone, supplemental to the work that is ongoing in the same area, previously approved by the Granby ConCom in 2013. EC made a motion to make a Negative 2 determination. BS Sec'd. all voted in favor. Will be sent via certified mail.

### 8:45 Administrative Duties (cont'd)

6. Outreach/Education/Plant of the Week- KC's knotweed and bittersweet presented
7. Notices (ZBA)- None
8. News/Announcements- Flood workshops
9. Site Visits to be scheduled- None
10. Old Business:

Jim Ford (Trustee) came in to talk about PV CH8 on State Street- EC recused because he did the

surveying on the project. Wenda Luff has reported extensive construction on the parking lot adjacent to the wetland without the file number posted. The MADEP file no. is 165-282. Permit was rec'd. and it was determined that the OOC was still valid due to the permit extension act (until April 2015). Commission and Mr. Ford had a discussion about the accuracy of the plans vs. what is being currently implemented in the field.

Ultimately, the MADEP file number is now posted. Mr. Ford was instructed to have the OOC onsite for contractor reference, as per the OOC. Mr. Ford maintains that the building plans are accurate with the field conditions. ConCom determined there was no issue.

**8:30 Discussion and Old Business:**

286 East State St. F & M Landscaping  
No action.

Andy Mercier-Chicopee Rod & Gun Club- This is under DEP's jurisdiction of Karen Hirschberger.  
Therefore the CC will not hear any permit requests until the case is settled.

**Adjournment:**

DW made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. WiL sec'd. All voted in favor to adjourn at 9:30pm.