

**Hubbardston Conservation Commission Minutes**

**November 6, 2013**

**Library Basement**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hubbardston Library Conference Room located in the Library Basement.

Present: Steve Mossey, Mike Stevens, Tony Coppola

Absent: Larry Therrien

Guests: Chris Mossman, Mike & Angela Pollier, Bryan & Denise Bortle, Bill Murray, Linda Lamontagne

**Motion: Mike Stevens**

**Second: Tony Copolla**

Motion was made to approve the September 4, 2013 minutes with no corrections. All in favor. Motion carried.

**First Order of Business:**

Linda Lamontagne of the Hubbardston Rod & Gun Club came in as there was a complaint issued to the Conservation Commission about activity happening too close to the wetlands. Ms. Lamontagne said that the Town of Hubbardston was cleaning out the fire holes in the pond and the Rod & Gun Club allowed them to remove debris and put it in the back behind the range to save money for the Town. Mike Stevens said that the Town should have notified DCR to let them know what they were doing. Mike Stevens said that he would notify DCR to let them know what the situation is at the property. Ms. Lamontagne asked what the proper protocol was when these fire holes were being taken care of. Mike Stevens told her that the Conservation Commission needs to be made aware of when these things are taking place. Mr. Stevens said that he would be speaking with the Board of Selectmen to let them know what steps need to be taken when they are clearing out the fire holes.

**Trowbridge Engineering:** Chris Mossman came in for NOI on 47 Old Boston Turnpike Road. There was a failed Title 5, so there needs to be a septic replacement. Erosion control will be in place. Mr. Mossman explained what he intends to do on the property. We did receive an exemption letter from DCR. Jeff Lacey from DCR did go to the site and felt everything was being done correctly.

**Motion: Steve Mossey**

**Second: Tony Coppola**

Motion made to approve design plan of October 3, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Places Associates:**

Bill Murray, from Places Associates, came in to discuss being a backup consultant for the Conservation Commission. They are currently reviewing the plans for the Conservation Commission for the Town of Foxboro. Mr. Murray continued to let the Commission know what his qualifications are. Mike Stevens said that we would keep his information on file and would put his company on our list to use in the future.

**Mike and Angela Pollier of New Templeton Road:**

A letter was sent to the Conservation Commission in regards to Mr. and Mrs. Pollier. The letter stated that some neighbors have concerns about them homesteading on their land. The letter was questioning whether or not they had the correct permits, guidance, etc. Mr. & Mrs. Pollier stated that they have approximately three acres of land in which they grow their food and raise some animals. Mr. & Mrs. Pollier did state that they cut a few trees down because they were concerned about the trees falling on the house. Mike Stevens said that as long as the trees don't fall in DCR's buffer zone, then the cutting of the trees is fine. Mr. & Mrs. Pollier addressed all the concerns that were in the letter and the Conservation Commission felt that the Pollier's were doing everything correctly and they had no concerns. The Conservation Commission wished them well on their Homesteading and thanked them for coming in.

**36 Main Street:**

Mr. and Mrs. Bortle came in tonight to discuss a culvert that is on the property and stops in the center of his land. Mr. Bortle is here to discuss the possibility to continue the culvert and bring it to the edge of his property. Originally this culvert was done in 1949. This culvert goes across 68 to the back of Mr. Mike's. Mr. Bortle did clean the culvert out so that there would be no backup in the winter. Mike Stevens told the Bortles if there is an easement on the property that states the Town needs to keep it clean, then Mr. Bortle should bring the easement to the Board of Selectmen and have DPW clean out the culvert. Mr. Bortle said that originally he requested having the culvert extended 40 feet to go to the edge of his property because he is concerned as people cut across the property and he is afraid someone may get hurt. Mr. Bortle then explained how he proposed to extend the culvert. Mike Stevens said that going 40 feet would not work because they would be going through wetlands. Mr. Stevens said that Mr. Bortle may be able to extend the culvert could possibly be extended 10-15 feet. An RFD would be their next step. Mr. Bortle will come in with a check so that we can put a legal ad in the paper for the RFD.

**Motion: Tony Coppola**

**Second: Mike Stevens**

**Motion made to accept the Minutes of October 2, 2013 with no corrections. All in favor.**

**Motion carried.**

**Highway Dept. Order of Conditions:**

It was brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission that the Highway Department has let the Order of Conditions expire. The DPW needs to file paperwork before any work can be done for general maintenance. The Conservation Commission has been in touch with DPW to let them know that they need to get this paperwork in asap.

**Motion: Tony Coppola**

**Second: Mike Stevens**

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:09 pm with no further discussion. All in favor.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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