

Hubbardston Conservation Commission Minutes

November 4, 2015

Library Basement

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm in the Hubbardston Library Conference Room located in the Library basement.

Present: Steve Mossey, Larry Therrien, Rick Green, Tom Larson, Tony Coppola

Absent: Pat Girouard

Guests: Jennifer Howald, Jassy Bratko, Vin Ritchie

A discussion of Borrego Solar project took place. S. Mossey and T. Coppola had recently walked the site. Everything on the plan looked good; very impressive set of plans. The wetland delineation was correct. A question was raised concerning erosion control on the grade leading up to the east. The plan indicates to install a silt fence.

Motion: Tom Larson

Second: S. Mossey

Motion made to continue the Borrego Solar NOI hearing to 12/2/15 meeting. This was due to the proponent of the project was tied up at the same time at the planning board hearing, and couldn't be in two places at the same time. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion: Tom Larson

Second: S. Mossey

Motion was made to accept the revised Trowbridge Engineering plan for Lovewell Pond (20 Streeter Rd.). The revision date on the plan is 10/28/15. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion: Larry Therrien

Second: Tony Coppola

Motion made to accept New England Environmental Design as the Country Hen's Site Overseer. Steve Mossey will sign the letter and return. T. Larson abstained from voting. The balance of members were in favor; motion carried.

New Business

J. Howald made a suggestion that if the DCR finds pallets or other improvised bridge building materials over any streams or wetlands they would remove these and the DCR would let the board know the location of said improvised structures with GPS coordinates. These will be passed to A. Schiepers.

J. Bratko discussed issues at Mt. Jeff recreation area with ATV's. Apparently a group of six or eight four-wheelers have been riding the area and are starting to do damage to the trails. The Open Space Committee would like to block out the hooligans by placing boulders at the start of the Chimney Trail. Also, trucks have been driving into the area to the north of the foundation and tearing up the field, causing ruts, etc. The Open Space Committee would like to install a gate to the right of the foundation to keep vehicles out of the field. T. Larson mentioned that the Fire Department needs to have access for their off road vehicles in case of problems. Keys would be issued to the Conservation Commission and the Fire and Police Departments to allow access.