

**Hubbardston Conservation Commission Minutes**

**April 6, 2016**

**Library Conference Room**

Tony Coppola called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Hubbardston Library Conference Room located in the Library Basement.

**Present:**

Tom Larson,  
Tony Coppola  
Rick Green

Staff: Marie Melvin. Inspectional Services Clerk

**Guests:**

Jack Maloney, Duchmane and Dillis  
Julien Votruba, New England Environmental Design, LLC  
Alvin Notice  
Jennifer Howald, DCR  
Susan Fox, Madison Greens  
Rudy Helenius, Madison Greens

**Absent:**

Steve Mossey, Chairman  
Larry Therrien

The March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

A Motion was made to approve minutes as written.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Tom Larson  
All in Favor: Motion Carried

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Rick Greene

**First Order of Business:**

**Notice of Intent: Repair of Septic Disposal System Hubbardston House**

Jack Maloney, Ducharme and Dillis Civil Engineer Group representing the RCAP Solutions Company, Presented an overview of the proposal to repair the existing sewage disposal system at the Hubbardston House, 3 Old Princeton Road. He asked that there be a postponement on

the presentation as there may be some changes to the project per the DEP. Mr. Maloney explained that the Notice of Intent was written for the plan to repair the system by installing a MicroFAST pretreatment tank to the sewage disposal system; however in recent discussions with the DEP, the DEP is now recommending that a recirculating sand filter be used. Mr. Maloney asked that the NOI presentation be postponed until a decision is made.

**Other Business:**

**Notice of Intent Lot C and Lot D Old Westminster Road**

Julien Votruba, New England Environmental Design, representing applicant, Darwin Notice, presented the NOI for the properties identified as Lot C and Lot D on Old Westminster Road, for the purpose of building two (2) single family homes on a slab foundation.

The lots are side by side, 2.5 acres each property. The lots were created prior to 1992 making the approval grandfathered in prior to the Cohen Law.

There are wetlands between the road and the properties. There is a cart road on the property of Lot C but this will not be utilized the plan is to stay on the right side of this. This septic design has been approved by the Board of Health and will be located out of the 100 foot buffer zone.

Jennifer Howald, DCR reviewed the plan. DEP comments and recommendations were reviewed.

The DEP comments concern is that no work will occur within the Riverfront Area. To comply with this an order of condition will be added that an orange fencing will be placed to mark the 200 foot buffer line along this area so that nothing will be done beyond that line.

**A motion was proposed to approve the project as presented.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Tony Coppola**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Rick Green**

**Beaver Destruction Madison Green Condos**

Susan Fox and Rudy Helenius representing the Madison Condos addressed the Commission about destruction of trees by beavers along the waterfront of the condominium properties. The beavers have chewed down trees to points and they are requesting permission to remove them. Tony Coppolla will arrange a site visit to determine the plan of action.

Tony Coppola submitted site visit reports for the following:  
Lot 1 Mt Jefferson Road- no wetlands on the property  
Country Hen in compliance

Order of Conditions for the Town of Hubbardston Old Westminster Rd paving project was signed by the board.

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 PM as there was no further business to discuss

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Tom Larson

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Tony Coppola

All in favor: Motion Carried

Approved: *Harry Therman* Date: 5/3/16

**Action Items:**

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| Hubbardston House NOI presentation continued to May 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting |  |
| OoC Lot C and D Old Westminster Rd  |  |
| Notify Jennifer Howald of Madison Green decision                            |  |
| Follow up with Steve Mossey Re: process for Forrest Cutting Plans           |  |
| OoC for Forest Cutting Plans Permit/scrub area/tracking debris on roads     |  |
| Follow up with resident regarding beaver dam causing flooding in yard       |  |

