

Worthington Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
March 19, 2013

1 Call to Order

Chairman Andrew Madden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2 Attendance

Members

Andrew Madden, Jim Molyneux, Bill Archambault, Peg O'Neal, Ed Lewis

Guest

Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates, Plainfield, MA

3 Public Hearing: 166 Dingle Road

Notice of this hearing was advertised in the *Country Journal* and posted at the Post Office and Town Hall earlier this month.

The hearing commenced at 7:00 PM.

This public hearing was on a notice of intent received for proposed work at 166 Dingle Road. The DEP was in March 6 receipt of the notice assigning file number 350-0054. The DEP offered no comments. The landowners are a Josh Clark and Molly Smith of whom Emily Stockman is agent.

The following are salient points from Ms. Stockman's presentation:

- This property is the subject of an order of conditions, File Number 350-0052 issued to John Majlinger on June 21, 2010.

- Work under the June 2010 order is partially complete; the property has changed ownership; the new owners plan a significantly different scope of work than that described in 2010.
- Ms. Stockman presented a plan for work. Littletree Environmental Consulting of Chesterfield (Leslie Spokas, Principal) prepared the plan.
- The plan includes a new underground wastewater disposal system (septic system) which has been presented to the Board of Health for its review and approval.
- Proper procedure calls for issuing a certificate of compliance for work completed which terminates the permitting procedure for File Number 350-0052 and then issuing a superseding order of conditions under File Number 350-0054.
- Mr. Clark and Ms. Smith have requested that the hearing be continued until April; portions of the scope of work have yet to be determined.

The following are points and actions suggested by the commission:

- Due to the presence of large amounts of snow, it is impossible to conduct a site visit to determine whether or not portions of the work have been satisfactorily completed, the prerequisite of the issue of a certificate of compliance.
- The presence of snow also prohibits an adequate site inspection upon which the commission can base a superseding order of conditions.

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Ms. O'Neal seconded that the commission continue the public hearing until its April 16 regularly scheduled meeting. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

The public hearing session closed at 7:18 PM.

4 Request for Certificate of Compliance: 166 Dingle Road

The commission was in March 11 receipt of a request for certificate of compliance for partly completed work at 166 Dingle Road under Order of Conditions, File Number 350-0052.

Mr. Lewis visited the site March 18, taking several photographs from the road. There was no recent evidence of entry to the property through the (deep) snow.

The commission agreed to conduct an inspection after snow melt and then would act on the request for certificate of compliance. Commission members plan to conduct the inspection once the area is snow-free, or before April 16 whichever comes later.

5 Old Business

5.1 Minutes of Meeting of December 18

Mr. Archambault offered a motion that Mr. Molyneux seconded that the commission approve the minutes of December 18 as presented. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

5.2 Commission Membership

The commission is in receipt of no responses to the notices posted seeking new members. Commission members 'brainstormed' names of several individuals who may be interested in joining the commission.

Members agreed to contact these individuals querying their interest.

6 New Business

6.1 Town Annual Report

Mr. Lewis drafted a report to be included in the Town of Worthington Annual Report for the commission's review. The commission reviewed the draft report and agreed upon its submission to the Town Clerk. Mr. Lewis agreed to forward the copy.

6.2 New Equipment

The commission recognized the need to obtain a new filing cabinet. The existing cabinet is full. A second cabinet will accommodate additional files as they come in. A commission member suggested that he may have a spare that he would be willing to donate or sell.

6.3 Budget Request

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Mr. Archambault seconded that the commission submit a budget request of \$500 for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The commission approved the motion unanimously. Mr. Madden agreed to submit the request using a town-provided form.

6.4 Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership

An organization, the Westfield River Invasive Species Partnership is seeking nominations for individuals to join its steering committee. It sent a notice to the commission (amongst other organizations) looking for the nominations.

No action resulted from this discussion.

6.5 Bio-Map 2

The State of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and other related agencies recently issued 'Bio-Map 2' which provides ecological information across the state. The map contains considerable town-level detail. The commission is in receipt of portions of the map germane to the Town of Worthington. The map will be hung along with other similar documents and made available for review for those interested in reviewing the information provided.

7 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.