

Worthington Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 19, 2015

## **1 Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Jim Molyneux, Andrew Madden, Mary Gerken-Newcomb, Peggy O'Neal, Ed Lewis

## **2 Old Business**

### **2.1 Minutes of Meeting January 20**

Mr. Molyneux offered a motion that Ms. O'Neal seconded that the commission approve the minutes as presented. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Note: The commission did not convene a quorum at its last scheduled meeting, February 18. There are no official minutes.

### **2.2 ANRAD Site Inspection**

Continue to April due to heavy snow cover.

## **3 New Business**

### **3.1 Mail**

The commission is in receipt of one forest cutting plan. It involves 7 acres of land owned by a Barbara Johnson. The land has frontage on Indian Oven Road located about 500 m (about 1,640 feet) west of the intersection of Indian Oven Road and Old Post Road.<sup>1</sup> The State of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Service Forester has not signed the plan yet. It involves 13 "MBF" and 35 "cords" of wood.

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<sup>1</sup>Virtually every USGS topographic map has 1,000 metre grid lines corresponding to the Military Grid Reference System. This facilitates estimating distances and areas on the ground.

### **3.2 Membership**

Peg agreed to enquire of Adam Leach and Dawn Flatt if they are still plan to be active on the commission.

### **3.3 Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions**

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) had its annual meeting on Saturday February 28. Ms. Gerken-Newcomb and Mr. Lewis attended. Ms. Gerken-Newcomb completed the "Fundamentals Course" for conservation commissioners that the MACC offers. The commission now has two graduates of this program! Congratulations Mary! Mr. Lewis attended workshops on the subjects of wetlands mitigation, stormwater management, solar arrays and the Massachusetts Conflict of Interest law. There was also discourse on the new US Army Corps of Engineers general permit for work in wetlands.

### **3.4 Sam Hill Road Bridge**

It was noted that permitting for replacing the bridge at Sam Hill Road will involve interaction with the US Army Corps of Engineers general permit for work in wetlands and waterways.

Ms. O'Neal reported that the town has applied to a granting agency, "Mass Works" to obtain funding for the bridge project.

Andrew agreed to review the Wetlands Protection Act regulations and their potential impact on the bridge project.

### **3.5 Town Report**

Mr. Lewis agreed to prepare the annual report for the conservation commission for presentation in the town annual report.

## **4 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.