

Worthington Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
May 21, 2015

1 Call To order

The meeting convened at 06:59:37 PM

2 Attendance

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

3 Old Business

3.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Madden offered a motion that Ms. O'Neal seconded that the minutes of the April 16 minutes be approved as submitted. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

3.2 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - SH-143

The Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) submitted by CHA Engineering in behalf of the Worthington Highway Department concerning State Highway 143 has been the subject of a public hearing what was opened on September 16, 2014 and continued through May 21, 2015. The commission conducted several site visits as well as a meeting with Mr. James "Jay" Hall of CHA Engineering during the public hearing process. These site visits are the subject of a May 15, 2015 memorandum issued by Ed Lewis (Secretary of the Commission) to the commission.

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Ms. O'Neal seconded that the commission issue a ruling that the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation be "presumed accurate" for the resource areas involved (bordering vegetated wetland and inland bank) Ms. O'Neal seconded the motion. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

It is noted for the record that the commission received no comments from the public regarding the ANRAD.

Mr. Madden offered a motion that Ms. Gerken-Newcomb seconded that the public hearing (opened September 16, 2014) be closed. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Lewis collected signatures on the DEP "Order of Resource Area Delineation" form and agreed to issue the complete order to the Town of Worthington Highway Department.

3.3 Membership

The commission has received no communication from two commission members for many months. The members are Adam Leach and Dawn Flatt.

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Mr. Molyneux seconded that the commission ask Ms. O'Neal to approach the Board of Selectmen to ask that Mr. Leach and Ms. Flatt resign from the commission due to protracted inactivity and lack of communication. Ms. O'Neal agreed to take on the task should the motion be approved. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

It is noted for the record that a Virginia Sowers has expressed interest in the commission. Her name should be given to the selectmen as a replacement for the next vacancy that opens on the commission. Ms. Gerken-Newcomb agreed to contact Ms. Sowers and ask her to submit a letter of interest to the Selectmen. ¹

4 New Business

The commission is in receipt of an extension to a cutting plan originally submitted June 7, 2012. The plan impacts land owned by Cynthia McGrath and Sara Jonsberg on SH-143 (Williamsburg Road).

5 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 07:26:37 PM

¹Ms. Sowers attended the May 14 ANRAD site visit with Mr. Hall and members of the commission.