

Worthington Conservation Commission
Notes
November 17, 2016

Due to the lack of a quorum, no business could be conducted; no formal minutes are recorded.

1 Attendance

Mary Gerken, Virginia Sowers, Ed Lewis

2 Correspondence

The following transmits key pieces of correspondence received.

Note, some of these items appear quite old; the contents of some are/should be well known.

Correspondence from Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program Relative to 667 South Worthington Road

August 11, 2016 correspondence from Thomas W. French to Joseph Ryan is [attached](#).

Correspondence from Worthington Conservation Commission to Susanne C. King relative to 44 Fairgrounds Road

November 17, 2016 correspondence is [attached](#).

Forest Cutting Plans

The commission is in receipt of several forest cutting plans. The following table provides a synopsis.¹

¹These are all in the mailbox. Some are quite old.

Table 1: Forest Cutting Plans

Landowner	Address	Preparer	Location	Date
Arthur and Nancy Murelli	11 Orchard Road, Burlington, CT	Michael Barry and Eric Donnelly	Cummington Road	2014-06-06
Carolyn Jacobson	350 Harvey Road	Tom Jenkins	Harvey Road	2016-01-05
James B. and Judith B. Clark	East Windsor Road	Daniel Oleksak	East Windsor Road	2016-03-23
Kevin Ames	18 Goss Hiss Road	R Duane Pease	Huntington Road	2016-05-03
Paul Strasberg	PO Box 248	Lincoln Fish	Patterson Road and West Street	2016-05-04
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Cynthia Magrath and Sara Jonsberg	PO Box 42	Jeff Jourdain	SH-143	2016-07-07



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 17, 2016

Susanne C. King
11 Orbit Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

Dear Ms. King;

The Worthington Conservation Commission received a complaint on October 18th relative to the construction of a bridge across Tower Brook on the westerly side of a house located at 44 Fairgrounds Road.

Our records indicate you are the owner of this property. We would appreciate it if you could either attend the Commission's scheduled meeting on December 15th or contact me requesting a meeting on another date to review the work and ensuing complaint. You may call or text me at (413)561-5862 or email me at mlgerken@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Mary L Gerken-Newcomb
Conservation Commission Chair



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Jack Buckley, *Director*

August 11, 2016

Worthington Conservation Commission
Town Hall
Huntington Road
Worthington MA 01098

Joseph Ryan
Garrett Collins Jr. Nominee Trust
140 Mile River Road
Hamilton MA 01982

RE: Applicant: Joseph Ryan
Project Location: 67 South Worthington Road
Project Description: New Well and Septic System
NHESP Tracking No.: 16-35811

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The applicant listed above has submitted a Notice of Intent with site plans (dated May 23, 2016) to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division"), in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.58(4)(b), 10.59).

MA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT (WPA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, will **not** adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project meets the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project.

MA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (MESA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, appears to be exempt from MESA review pursuant to 321 CMR 10.14 which states: "[t]he following Projects and Activities shall be exempt from the requirements of 321 CMR 10.18 through 10.23..."

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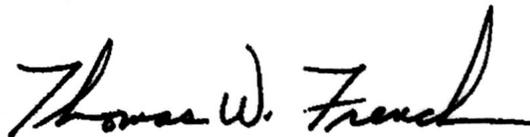
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(6) construction, repair, replacement or maintenance of septic systems, private sewage treatment facilities, utility lines, sewer lines, or residential water supply wells within existing paved areas and lawfully developed and maintained lawns or landscaped areas, provided there is no expansion of such existing paved, lawn and landscaped areas;

Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work beyond that provided may require a filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA regulations.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Daisy Medeiros, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at (508) 389-6357.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. French". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

cc: Fred Sears, Hill Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc.