

Worthington Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
November 18, 2014

1 Attendance

Mary Gerkin-Newcomb, Dawn Flatt, Jim Molyneux, Ed Lewis.

Chairman Dawn Flatt called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2 Old Business

2.1 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation - SH-143

Mr. Lewis explained the process of approving, disapproving or approving with modifications abbreviated notices of resource area delineations (ANRAD). The conservation commission is to rule on the wetland delineation performed by CHA Engineering which is documented in a September 2014 ANRAD.

The ANRAD involves delineations on approximately 27 parcels of land along SH-143 from the Peru town line to the Chesterfield town line.¹

It was agreed that the commission as a whole would review a few of the delineation sites picked at random and then individual commissioners could randomly review other delineation sites to determine the overall accuracy of the project.

It was agreed that the commission would review delineations near "Survey Stations 177 through 185".² This land was the subject of Order of Conditions, File Number 350-0039 issued on May 22, 2006. That work involved a driveway crossing through a bordering vegetated wetland on the southwesterly side of SH-143 on land formerly owned by a Glenn Nadeau.

A site visit is planned for 9:30 AM, Saturday December 6. Commissioners will meet at Town Hall.

¹The September 16 minutes provide a description of the ANRAD's scope.

²This location is shown on the lower portion of 'Delineation Plan 8' as provided by CHA Engineering dated September 3, 2014.

2.2 Minutes of Meeting - September 16, 2014

Andrew Madden prepared the minutes.

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

3 New Business

3.1 Appointment of New Chairman

This discussion lead to the consideration of moving the regular meeting night from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Thursday to avoid conflict with other town meetings. The subject of the meeting date will come for discussion at the December commission meeting.

Mary Gerkin-Newcomb agreed to serve as chairman for “a relatively short period” beginning immediately.

Ms. Flatt offered a motion that Mr. Molyneux seconded that the commission elect Ms. Gerkin-Newcomb as its chairman. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

3.2 Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Dues

The assessment for FY 2016 is \$183. Ms. Flatt offered a motion that Ms. Gerkin-Newcomb seconded that the commission make the dues payment to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC). The commission approved the motion unanimously.

4 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.