

Worthington Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
January 20, 2015

The meeting convened at 01/20/2015 07:03:11 PM

## **1 Attendance**

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

## **2 Old Business**

### **2.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The previous meeting was on November 18, 2014.

Ms. O'Neal offer a motion that Mr. Madden seconded that the commission approve the minutes as issued.

The commission approved the motion unanimously

### **2.2 ANRAD Worthington Highway Department \***

\* Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

The instructional and field review session originally planned for December 6 fell through due to inclement weather.

The commission agreed that the review requires snow-free ground.

Most of the delineations are likely well done. It is the wetland crossings that bear the closest scrutiny.

The land near "Survey Stations 177 through 185" could be particularly difficult due to the known complexity of the resource areas.<sup>1</sup>

It was agreed that the commission will look to the April time frame to complete the field review and with anticipated issue of a ruling on the ANRAD in May.

Peg agreed to update CHA Engineering on schedule.

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<sup>1</sup>This location is shown on the lower portion of 'Delineation Plan 8' as provided by CHA Engineering dated September 3, 2014.

## 2.3 Meeting Night

Mr. Molyneux offered a motion that Mr. Madden seconded that the regular meeting night be moved from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Thursday. The purpose of the date change is to avoid conflict with Selectmen's meetings that normally occur on the third Tuesday.

The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Issue of the minutes will constitute official notification to the Town Secretary, Peg O'Neal.

The commission will plan to meet on Tuesday February 17 then on Thursday March 19 and every third Thursday thereafter.

## 3 New Business

### 3.1 Budget Request

The commission spent \$336 this year (FY 2014-15).

The commission paid annual dues to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC).

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Mr. Molyneux seconded that the commission request a budget of \$600 for FY 2015-16. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Ms. O'Neal agreed to submit the request to the Town Finance Committee as needed.

### 3.2 Cutting Plans

#### 3.2.1 Robert E. Bartlett, Landowner

A forest cutting plan has been submitted in behalf of Robert E. Bartlett affecting land at the intersection of Starkweather and Sam Hill Road. 90 Acres<sup>2</sup> of land is involved. The volume is reportedly 160 MBF and 100 CDS.<sup>3</sup>

There are a couple of minor stream crossings.

Sean Libbey, Service Forester employed by the State of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation signed the plan.

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<sup>2</sup>Acre is between 40,000 and 45,000 square feet depending on the source. Some sources cite precisely 43,560 square feet. It is about 4,000 m<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup>160 'MBF' is equivalent to 160,000 'board-feet' or 378 M<sup>3</sup>; 100 CDS is equivalent to 362 M<sup>3</sup> according to Wikipedia.

### **3.2.2 Hilltown Land Trust, Landowner**

A forest cutting plan has been submitted in behalf of the Hilltown Land trust affecting land at Ring Road near the Chesterfield town line. 15 Acres of land is involved. Kip Porter is to harvest the wood using horses. Sean Libby (see above) signed the plan and issued a 'Cutting Plan Certificate'.

### **3.3 MACC Annual Conference**

The annual conference is scheduled for Saturday February 28 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA.

### **3.4 New Wetlands Regulations.**

The DEP issued revisions to the wetlands protection regulations, 310 CMR 10 effective October 24. The DEP has conducted several workshops on the wetland revisions. These workshops are free of charge to conservation commissioners.

## **4 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 07:32:42 PM