

Holland Conservation Commission

Minutes of Commission meeting held on April 11, 2006.

Present: Steven Anderstrom, Acting Chairperson, Patricia Caron and Rolf Hilbig. Absent: Howard Fife, Helen Kreiger, Mary vandenBerg and James Wettlaufer.

7:00 p.m. Chairperson called the meeting to order.

7:05 p.m. Minutes of Commission Meeting held on April 4, 2006 were read, accepted and were distributed.

Reports:

Agent Howard Fife met with Scott Balderelli at Julia Foster's home at 14 Roberts Park Rd. Howard feels that there is no problem with Scott's request, as all soils will be used to backfill the new wall with silt fences and bails of hay being placed between the project and the lake. The existing structure is about to collapse and would endanger the lake more than the work project.

Steve Anderstrom reports having visited with his daughter Ellen (a high school student taking Environmental Studies), Laurie Kennedy and Heather Blakeley the 2A3 proposed 9-lot subdivision on Alexander/Allen Hill Rd. They measured out the vernal pool at 63 feet at the widest spot, by 255 feet. They found Wood Frog Eggs, a Caddis Fly and Marbled Salamanders. The Marbled Salamanders are listed on the form as a rare species. According to Laurie, the Salamanders are known to leave the vernal pool area and travel across Alexander Rd., returning to the vernal pool in late summer and early fall to breed. Pictures were taken and necessary paperwork will be done to certify the vernal pool.

7:20 p.m. Alfred (Sonny) Beaudreau requested an informal hearing with owner Tom Kolek present to discuss the project at 114 Sandy Beach Rd. The informal hearing is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on May 2, 2006.

7:35 p.m. Procedure Sheet #2006-1056 issued to Julie Foster of 14 Roberts Park Rd. was presented to us by Scott Balderelli to rebuild a retaining wall, deck and pump house. Procedure sheet was signed by Acting Chairperson Steven Anderstrom providing that silt fences and hay bails be placed across the front of the property (lakeside).

7:40 p.m. Laurie Kennedy informed us that she has sent pictures taken at the proposed 9-lot subdivision on Alexander/Allen Hill Rd. to the National Heritage who informed her "that the vernal pool will be a fast track certification." Laurie said she required the property owner's address. We referred her to the Assessor's Office. She also needs a GSI map with the site of concern, which will be printed up for her. She has also spoken with the DEP who would agree with National Heritage's findings.

8:00 p.m. R.J. Parron, builder, represented Joe Friggo potential buyer of property owned by Mr. Vickers needs our approval. Lacking a quorum, a Determination of Applicability form was given and he was informed he could appear on April 25, 2006 with his appeal.

8:10 p.m. Steven Ross requested that we write a letter in support of his grant application to the Quinebaug Shetucket for a computer generated local map, which would indicate pools, catch basins, etc. We informed him that we would take it under consideration with the full board.

8:20 p.m. Phil Mikan owns a lakefront cottage on 9 Birch Dr. that needs immediate repair of a cracked foundation. Jack Keough is prepared to issue a builder's permit. He was asked to appear on April 25, 2006, which is our next scheduled meeting. April 18, 2006 is the Town Caucus.

Motion to adjourn made by Rolf Hilbig, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia J. Caron, Secretary

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