

**Minutes of the Peterborough Conservation Commission Meeting
October 20, 2011, Town House Peterborough, 7 p.m.**

Present: Swift Corwin, John Kerrick, Matt Lundsted, John Patterson, Susan Stanbury, Francie Von Mertens

September's minutes were approved as written.

Vernal pools project

An update from Brett Thelen indicates she has found a promising Antioch intern, with an estimated stipend in the \$1500-2000 range plus mileage and materials (\$500).

Von Mertens made the following motion (Patterson second):

Move to support funding not to exceed \$2500 for the AVEO Vernal Pool project with the understanding that Town OCD mapping support may decrease that amount.

The motion passed.

Patterson and Thelen will meet with Fash in OCD to discuss the project and possible Town mapping support. He also will clarify with Thelen possible future expenses relating to her role.

Long Hill Estates conservation easement

Corwin reported that the town code officer saw no encroachment issues concerning the Route 202 gravel pit slope easement on the Long Hill Estates property line. Corwin said sand/gravel extraction appears to have stopped years back, but the operating permit does not give a deadline for closing or for site restoration.

Kerrick and Corwin will again peruse the conservation easement deed and flag the top of the bank to help confirm that there is no further encroachment.

Von Mertens recommended that a letter be sent to the gravel pit owners stating the town's understanding that there will be no further encroachment, and that the top of the bank has been flagged to help insure that is the case.

Summer Street town parcel

At the request of the select board, the Conservation Commission is to evaluate the natural resource value of a one-quarter-acre parcel taken by tax default. The parcel is north of A.W. Peters on Summer street, lies along the river, and is landlocked.

Kerrick and Corwin will visit the parcel and assess.

Other.

Wood by e-mail communicated his discussion with George Achille regarding activity in the wetland buffer at Agway. Mr. Achille intends to move the compost piles out of the buffer.

Stanbury said conservation easement monitoring season is upon us. Corwin suggested a Saturday be established as monitoring day, and the troops gather at the Bagel Mill to rally and disperse. The third Saturday of November was suggested. E-mail confirmation to follow.

Von Mertens will contact a certified wetlands scientist to flag the wetland on the Harris Center Elm Street lot to assist best techniques to address phragmites encroachment.

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