

**BEDFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**January 22, 2014**

**Selectmen's Meeting Room**

**Town Hall, Bedford, MA**

**PRESENT:** Allan Wirth, Clerk; Lori Eggert; John Britton; Andreas Uthoff; Tim Gray  
Elizabeth Bagdonas, Conservation Administrator; Stephanie Ide,  
Conservation Department Assistant

**ABSENT:** Steven Hagan, Chair; John Willson, Vice Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to waive the reading of the Public Record Statement as approved by Town Counsel on 9/10/12. The motion passed 4-0-0.

**Public Hearing Announcement**

The Commission discussed its preference of not reading the public hearing announcement at the beginning of meetings. The Commission would like to revise the sign-in sheet to include the legal statement as written by Town Counsel on September 10, 2012.

**84 North Road**

Mr. David Brickman was present before the Commission to request that the Commission allow an 1x29 foot increase on a deck that was approved during the NOI process to create a three season screened porch as well as a patio area. The work would remain outside of the 50-foot buffer to Bordering Vegetated Wetland but would increase the impervious surface calculations from the originally calculated 20.3% to 24.4%.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Uthoff to accept the revisions without requiring an Amendment to the Order of Conditions. The motion passed 4-0-1, with Ms. Eggert abstaining.

**11 Bonnievale Drive**

A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to have Ms. Bagdonas draft a letter to Mr. Corey who resides at 11 Bonnievale Drive explaining the resource areas that are located on his property and the jurisdiction that the Commission has within those resource areas. The motion passed 5-0-0.

## **MACC Annual Meeting**

Ms. Bagdonas informed the Commission about the upcoming MACC Annual Meeting at Holy Cross. The Commission has \$400.00 to cover the expense of seminars in its expenditure account. The Commission members have to pay up front and will be reimbursed by the Town of Bedford once a copy of the registration form and check are submitted.

## **Certificate of Compliance Continuing Conditions**

The Commission discussed including excerpts from the Order of Conditions of continuing conditions of the Certificate of Compliance. A vote was not taken but the Commission agreed to include excerpts of the Order.

## **Deadlines for Submittal of Additional Information**

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Eggert to require a deadline for the submittal of additional information requiring no less than 48 hours in electronic format before the scheduled meeting so that the Commission has time to review the material or risk the possibility of a continuation. The motion passed 5-0-0.

## **Trails and CA Area Discussion**

The Commission reviewed a draft version of the Conservation Area and Conservation Restrictions document as prepared by Ms. Bagdonas. Mr. Gray recommended that a conversation take place with Mr. Ralph Hammond and members of the Trails Committee to remind them that the maintenance of trails within Conservation Areas should be restricted to people that the Conservation Commission designates, members of the Trails Committee and Stewards.

*A motion was made by Mr. Uthoff and seconded by Mr. Gray to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0-0 adjourning the meeting.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.*

*The minutes were prepared by Stephanie Ide.*

*The minutes were approved at the meeting of February 12, 2014.*