

Boxborough Conservation Commission Meeting  
Minutes

Wednesday March 7, 2012

Members present: David Follett, Charlene Golden, Norm Hanover, David Koonce, Dennis Reip, Chairman, and Rick Williamson. Also present: Frank Powers, Selectman.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Motion was made by Rick, seconded by Dennis and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of February 15, 2012.

Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by Dennis and voted 5-0 with one abstention to approve the Orders of Conditions for 113-508 and 113-509, both on Depot Road.

The Codman Hill Condominium Association submitted correspondence including a revised sketch which reduces the amount of impervious material, reconfigures the tanks according to an order from the DEP, and removes retaining walls. Motion was made by Charlene, seconded by David Follett, and voted 6 - 0 to approve the concepts presented, but requesting a proper plan that can be approved by Rick and Dennis.

8:00 PM Type of filing: Request to Amend an OoC DEP no: 113-454BWB

Property Location: The properties are located off Stow Road and identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 5-2-189-1.0; 5-2-189-2.0; 5-2-189-3.0; 5-2-189-4.0; 5-2-189-5.0; 5-2-189-6.0; 5-2-189-7.0; 5-2-189-8.0; 5-2-189-11.0; 5-2-189-12.0; 5-2-189-13.0; 5-2-189-14.0; 5-2-189-15.0; 5-2-189-16.0; 9-2-189-0.A; 9-2-189-9.0; 9-2-189-10.0; 9-2-196-0.0 & 9-2-206-0.0.

Name of Applicant / owners: Don McPherson, Minute Man Air Field  
Address: 302 Boxborough Rd. Stow 01720

Project Description: A request to amend an Order of Conditions to remove conditions for work which is no longer planned in the Air Field's Vegetative Management Plan.

Applicant/Owner Present: Don McPherson MMAF Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Discussion: David Follett reviewed the history of this site. David Follett, David Koonce, and Charlene reviewed their observations from the site visit that took place on Feb. 25. The applicant suggests invasive plant species monitoring and control within the vernal pool habitat. He intends to employ proper pruning techniques to promote mixed canopy restoration to delay pine invasion. He intends to manage log hitches within the vernal pool habitat and will mark the edge of the vernal pool habitat. He is proposing vernal pool mitigation activities.

The Commission began review of the Amended NOI.

Continuation date / time: March 21, 2012 at 8:30 PM.

9:00 PM Type of filing: NOI continuation DEP no: 113-503

Project Location: 34 Massachusetts Avenue, Assessor's Map 11, group 4, parcel 288.

Project Description: improve the existing gravel parking area and the storm water management system; adding landscaped islands to the parking area and a landscaped area with filter strip between the existing parking area and wetlands.

Applicant/Property Owner: Julian D'Agostine, Olympus Realty

Applicant present: Mark Donohoe, Acton Survey & Eng. Lead Reviewer: David Follett

Review: requested maintenance schedule for catch basins; as previously requested, all documents well organized and without error for ease of reading

The Commission reviewed the letter from their consultant, PLACES Site Consultants, dated March 5, 2012. Mark Donohoe agreed to increase the size of the retention areas as much as practical. The target is 1,000 sq. ft. ½" stone. He also agreed to submit new plans prior to the next meeting.

Continuation date / time: March 21, 2012 at 8:00 PM.

The Commission reviewed the details and wording for the Trust Fund Article approved at the last meeting.

The Commission discussed the potential Gundersen land donation. David Koonce will be the contact for this project.

Motion was made by Dennis, seconded by David Follett, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Golden.

Charlene Golden 3/21/12  
Approved Date