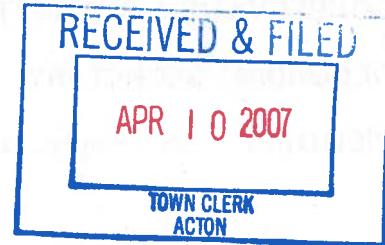


MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ACTON TOWN HALL – ROOM 204

CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA MARCH 7, 2007



7:15 Request for Red-line Change – Lot 2 Partridge Pond Road

See amended copy of amended plan, dated 3/1/07, Well Construction Notes (as requested by the Commission on 2/21/07)

7:30 Water Resources Advisory Committee – Lauren Rosenzweig

Requesting support of the Concom for two warrant articles – WRAC will be asking the town to fund studies.

Acton Conservation Trust – vote to support Acton Clean-Up Day

MINUTES

February 21, 2007 comments rec'd by TT, JA, JM *signature?*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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ACTON TOWN HALL – ROOM 204

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Janet Adachi, William Froberg, Linda Serafini,

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Scott Hayes, Lauren Rosenzweig, Robert Hendrie, Gigi Hopkins

7:19 Mr. Maitland called the meeting to order.

7:20 Land Stewardship Committee – Gigi Hopkins

Ms. Hopkins asked for the Commission's support in considering the re-introduction of Bobwhite Quail at the Jenks and Stoneymeade Conservation Areas. These two areas represent excellent habitat for the Bobwhite. The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife supports the reintroduction program but will require a release permit. To be successful seed/food plants may have to be planted and dogs may have to be leashed in the two field locations. Initially ten to twelve birds (a covey) will be released at each location.

The Commission supports the idea and asked that the Stewards continue to research and potentially implement the reintroduction program.

7:15 Request for Red-line Change – Lot 2 Partridge Pond Road

Scott Hayes from Foresite Engineering presented an amended plan showing the installation of a water well, dated 3/1/07, with well construction notes added to the plan as requested by the Commission on 2/21/07.

Upon query by Ms. Adachi, Mr. Hayes reported that the original plan had shown public water supplied from an assumed water main in Partridge Pond Road. He since has discovered that Partridge Pond Road was built during the 1970s and does not have public water supplied by the Water District. Connecting the parcel to the Taylor Road main would not be feasible.

Mr. Maitland noted that Mr. Hayes has supplied the Commission with the construction notes as requested.

Mr. Froberg moved that the Commission accept the amended plan, dated 3/1/07, as a red-line change. Ms. Serafini 2nd; unanimous.

7:30 Water Resources Advisory Committee – Lauren Rosenzweig

Ms. Rosenzweig stated that the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) is requesting that the Commission support two warrant articles that the WRAC is bringing to annual Town Meeting. The WRAC will ask the Town to fund studies to protect water resources mostly from wastewater. The first article requests \$25,000 for a hydrological study to assess potential wastewater discharge capacity of the existing sewer infrastructure located on Adams Street for potential expansion. The second article requests \$34,500 for a study to assess potential costs of expanding sewers to high priority needs area, specifically the

Spencer/Tuttle/Flint Roads neighborhood, West Acton Village (east of the railroad tracks) including the Gates and Douglas schools as identified by the Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan. The second study will provide a preliminary design for the routing of the sewer lines and placement of any pump stations and provide projected costs for both final design and construction.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Ms. Rosenzweig stated that the WRAC thought that the Middle Fort Pond Sewer District had more capacity and could include the Spencer/Tuttle and West Acton areas. But DEP wanted to be more conservative in its funding and cut out some districts. Ms. Rosenzweig noted the trend to low-impact development, where the preference is for groundwater recharge at the point of use. The WRAC does not want to provide sewers throughout town.

Acton Conservation Trust

The Commission voted unanimously to support Acton Clean-Up Day sponsored by the Trust.

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Ms. Adachi moved that the Commission approve the minutes for February 21, 2007. Ms. Serafini 2nd; unanimous.

8:10 Meeting adjourned.

Terrence Maitland
Terrence Maitland
Chair

