

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
AMENDED AGENDA
MAY 18, 2005**

7:15 Request for Determination - Nashoba Brook – Town of Acton
Installation of a water flow pipe for beaver control.

7:30 Request Extension – 45 Martin – Nicholas Zavolous

Certificate of Compliance – 22 Central Street 85-852

Decision – Ellsworth Village

MINUTES

February 16	comments received by	TM
March 2	“ “ “	ME
March 16	“ “ “	JR, TM
March 24	“ “ “	JR
April 6	awaiting comments	
April 13	comments rec'd by	ME
May 4	submitted via email 5/18	

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Julia Miles, Cheryl Lowe, Andrew Magee, Mike Eder

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Janet Adachi

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Nicholas Zavolas, Mark Traverse, Chip Chapin

7:15 Eagle Scout – Mark Traverse

Mark reported to the Commission that he completed his Eagle Scout Project on Acton Conservation Land. He constructed and installed a 42' long boardwalk at Pratts Brook Conservation Area which involved more than 120 man hours.

The Commission thanked Mark for a job well done.

7:25 Request for Determination - Nashoba Brook – Town of Acton

Mr. Tidman presented plans for the installation of a water flow pipe on Nashoba Brook for beaver control. The pipe will be installed during low water conditions (summer) by members of the Land Stewardship Committee.

Mr. Maitland stated that he would like to be involved with the installation.

Determination – Nashoba Brook – Town of Acton

Mr. Magee moved that the Commission find the work described in the request to be within an Area Subject to Protection Under the Bylaw and the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent (-2). Mr. Eder 2nd; unanimous.

7:40 Request Extension – 45 Martin Street DEP File # 85-796 – Nicholas Zavolas

Mr. Zavolas reported to the Commission that due to the unexpected costs of his replacement septic system he had to divert funds from the farm field to his septic installation. The request for an extension permit is solely for the farming activities. He plans on doing some tree clearing associated with this project this year, but he will not be tilling the field.

Mr. Maitland noted that the Commission will only issue one extension for an Order of Conditions under the Bylaw.

Mr. Zavolas asked the Commission if once the farm field is re-established will he need to come before the Commission on a regular basis for on-going farm activities?

Mr. Magee reported that in this case agricultural use has an exemption, so once the fields are re-established Mr. Zavolas will not have to come back before the Commission for ongoing farming activities.

Mr. Zavolas stated that some farmers have suggested using green houses so if he finds a farmer to lease the fields that is contemplating something different than what was approved by the Commission then he would come back with a new filing.

Mr. Magee stated that he is comfortable with issuing a three-year extension for this OOC.

Mr. Magee moved that the Commission issue one three year extension for DEP File # 85-796.

Ms. Miles 2nd; unanimous.

Certificate of Compliance – 22 Central Street 85-852

Mr. Tidman reported that the project is complete and stable.

Mr. Magee moved that the Commission issue a Certificate based on the Administrator's recommendation. Ms. Miles 2nd; unanimous.

Decision – Ellsworth Village

The Commission discussed the decision drafted by Ms. Miles and Mr. Tidman.

The Commission tabled the decision until Monday, May 23, 2005 at 5:45 PM.

9:20 Meeting adjourned.

Jeffrey Rogers Acting Chair
Jeffrey Rogers,
Chair

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