

## ***Topsfield Conservation Commission***

***Minutes of Wednesday, May 25, 2016***

Topsfield Library Meeting Room

**Present:** Chery Jolley, Chair; Dodds Shamroth, Vice Chair; Jim Carroll, Holger Luther, Lana Spillman, Administrator, and Theresa Coffey, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Jen DiCarlo

**Other Attendees:** Peter Hebert; Charles Caron, Caron Environmental Consultants; Rick Protasowicki, Wright-Pierce Engineering

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present at 7:07 p.m.

### **HEARINGS:**

**Continuation ANRAD 307-0726: 21 & 9 Towne Lane**, (Map 33, Lot 061 & Map 41, Lot 073), LeClair/Gove Environmental Services, Inc.

A written request to continue to June 8, 2016 was received from the applicant.

Luther moved to continue the hearing upon request of the applicant until June 8, 2016, under the Act and the Bylaw. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**ANRAD 307-0734: 92 Wenham Road**, (Map 71, Lot 031), Hebert

Luther read the legal notice and Peter Hebert submitted the abutter notices.

Spillman visited the site on May 23. It has been a year since the flags were placed and some were missing. She recommended verification of BVW Flags A8 through A12, a critical area for the proposed upgrade of septic system, and Flags A1-2 and A3. Members reviewed the plan.

Luther moved to close the hearing. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Luther moved to accept the ANRAD with flags A8-A12 and A1-2 and A3 as shown on plan dated April 28, 2016. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### **REQUESTS:**

**RDNI 2016-12: 279 Boston Street**, (Map 41, Lot 091), **293 Boston Street** (Map 34, Lot 078), etc., Topsfield Water Department

Charles Caron, Caron Environmental Consultants and Rick Protasowicki, Wright-Pierce Engineering, presented plans to do test soil borings for proposed waterlines to transport water from Town wells to the proposed water treat plant. The boring holes will be 8 feet deep and 2-4 inches wide. Spillman conducted a site visit with Charles Caron on May 16 and suggests they put down boards (plywood or planks) over the BVW/Intermittent Stream.

Luther moved to grant the DNI subject to the use of track mats or planks. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**RDNI 2016-11: 3 Hickory Lane, (Map 50, Lot 038), Pugh**

Spillman reviewed the request to remove four sick/dead Ash trees in the Buffer Zone that could fall on the house. The stumps will be left.

Luther moved to issue a DNI for removal of four Ash trees with the usual conditions for tree removal. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**RDNI 2016-14: 22 Evergreen Lane, (Map 50, Lot 032), Melto**

Spillman reviewed this request to remove a tree in Buffer Zone that is leaning toward the house, and to grind two tree stumps and place a swing set on a framed base of mulch in Buffer Zone to a BVW containing a Certified Vernal Pool.

Luther moved to issue a DNI for the removal of the tree plus stump grinding. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**OTHER:**

**Dante Che and James Murphy – Intern Update**

Spillman reminded members that the Internship Fair is Friday, May 27 at 11:00 am at the Masco Field House. Luther discussed variations with the formula that James is using to estimate ages of trees. When the ages are estimated this will have to be taken into account.

Dante produced a tri-fold for his internship project. He will have some made to distribute at the fair and for the use of the TCC.

Dante has submitted information to certify a vernal pool at 47 Rowley Road (Nelson). Spillman found spotted salamander larvae at the site.

Brian Gallagher is signed up to be summer intern. Spillman suggested a project of mapping all of the vernal pools in Topsfield. He is learning about GIS systems so can use that information. Spillman went to the vernal pool southeast of the Rail Trail crossing of the Ipswich River with Brian and he has enough information and photographs to certify that vernal pool.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Vernal Pools:**

In addition to the two above (Rail Trail and Rowley Road), Spillman likely has enough information to certify a pool at Pye Brook Park next to the Rail Trail, where there were 6-8 spotted salamander egg masses. Spillman also went to 67 Perkins Row, where the house is under construction; the water in the pool had gone down about 6-8 inches. She is convinced that it is a vernal pool but may not have enough information yet to certify. There were 3 or 4 green frogs, a wood frog, and two tadpoles which are possibly wood frogs. There were also numerous predaceous diving beetle larvae.

**General Permit for the Highway and Water Departments**

Luther was informed of a miscommunication with Joe Gibbons and Dave Bond which led to the delay. He will be meeting with them and report back on discussions.

**Town Mandatory Water Restrictions starting May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Spillman discussed properties to be exempt from the water ban. She is proposing 199 Ipswich Road (DeIulis) and 222 Boston Street (Lawton), since both have sensitive Wetlands Resource Areas that need to be stabilized. TCC agreed to both. Spillman will respond to Greg Krom's inquiry, requesting exemptions for these two properties.

**Town Beach/Town Forest, 131 Haverhill Road, (Map 05, Lot 015), restoration**

Luther updated on his meeting with Jim MacDougall. They walked the property, took photos and discussed the issues. MacDougall recommends top dressing on left hand side and planting grass to encourage infiltration as well as a rain garden at the end near the kiosk.

Jolley asked about removing silt socks and Spillman suggested removing the rip rap that is very close to the Pond. Luther said it was best to leave things as they are. He has suggestions and will go out again and continue to work on the plan.

Jolley asked Spillman to draft a response to the Beach Association to give them an update on what TCC is working on and the reason those things need to stay.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

**Minutes of April 27, 2016 and May 11, 2016 Executive Session**

Luther moved to adopt the meeting minutes of April 27, 2016 and the May 11, 2016 Executive Session as amended. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Minutes of May 11, 2016**

Jolley moved to adopt the meeting minutes of May 11, 2016 as amended. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**LITIGATION:**

Spillman reported that all documents requested have been submitted electronically.

**Documents used for or submitted at the meeting:**

1. ANDRAD Application (307-0734) & Plan, 92 Wenham Road
2. RDNI Application (2016-11), 3 Hickory Lane
3. RDNI Application (2016-12), 279 Boston Street
4. RDNI Application (2016-14), 22 Evergreen Lane

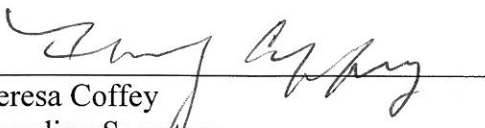
**Next Meeting** – June 8, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Luther moved to adjourn. Carroll seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Theresa Coffey  
Recording Secretary

*Minutes approved at the TCC meeting on June 22, 2016*

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law,' G.L. 39, § 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Commission constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Commission as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.