

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN
MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 3, 2011

6:00 PM

**ACTON TOWN HALL – 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 126**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Bill Froberg, Tom Arnold

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Ceraso, Jeff Clymer, Susan Mitchell-Hardt

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Arnold & Tom Tidman

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: none

Working Meeting – Update Open Space & Recreation Plan

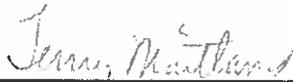
6:00 Members discussed two alternatives on how to proceed with prioritization of open space parcels.

1. Setting "objective" criteria, such as farm land, watershed protection or wildlife habitat, or
2. Not setting priorities among parcels if that is not required by the state.

It was agreed that Mr. Arnold would contact Mass. Office of Conservation Services and determine what they require in an Open Space & Recreation Plan regarding prioritizing properties.

7:00 Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 17 at ABHS, room 106E at 6 PM.



Terry Maitland
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Chair

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S):

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Mr. Tidman reported that the Commonwealth Department of Conservation & Recreation, Office of Dam Safety requires that the Town take steps to make the Robbins Mill dam safe. Tighe and Bond has completed a Phase I dam safety report recommending that all trees on the head of the dam and a distance of 20' at the bottom of the dam be removed as a first step.

Upon query by Mr. Froberg, Mr. Magee noted that saving the dam provides valuable still water habitat.

Mr. Tidman noted that if the Town breached the dam it would be quickly restored by beavers.

Ms. Portante suggested that the Town breach the dam and let nature take its course.

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Mr. Magee noted that the trees would have to be removed regardless of beaver activity and would obviously be removed if the dam itself was removed.

Upon query by Mr. Maitland, Mr. Tidman reported that, weather permitting, the work will occur this winter (2010/2011).

7:40 Hearing no comments or questions, Mr. Maitland closed the meeting.

Determination - 18 Wheeler Lane - Nashoba Brook Conservation Area

Mr. Magee moved that the Commission find the work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

Ms. Portante 2nd, the motion passed with five ayes and one abstention - Bill Froberg.

[See file in the Conservation Office also located in DocuShare: Conservation Commission – 2011 Meetings – 02-03-2011 - (010).]

Certificate of Compliance – Robbins Mill Estates – Phase IV – DEP File 85-810 (020)

Mr. Tidman reported that Phase IV is complete and ready for a Certificate.

Ms. Portante moved that the Commission issue a Certificate as recommended by Mr. Tidman, Mr. Magee 2nd; unanimous.

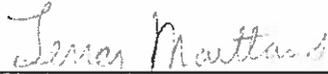
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Mr. Magee moved that the Commission accept the minutes for January 19, 2011, Mr. Arnold 2nd; unanimous.

Next Meeting: February 16, room 204, Town Hall.

7:45 Meeting adjourned.



Terry Maitland
Chair

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