

Kingston Conservation Commission Minutes

January 22, 2008

7:03p.m. The chairman called the meeting to order.
Present: Gary Langenbach (chairman), James Dehner, Marilyn Kozodoy, Sue Chamberlain, William Whitehill, William Underhill
Staff: Maureen Thomas, Conservation Agent

Discussion regarding:

- 272 Main Street – bituminous concrete issues, suggestion of concrete berm
- MACC Conference – March 1, 2008
- Coastal Conservation Commission Training – Marilyn Kozodoy attended and reviewed with the Commission
- Regulations – no disturb zones, endangered species overlay

7:30p.m. Informal Meeting – Wetland Restoration Planting Plan – 49R Main Street, Map 68, Lot 3
Present: Bob Gray, Bill O'Brien

Bob Gray presented the wetland restoration planting plan to the Commission.

James Dehner asked what would happen if the hydrology did not exist.

Bob Gray stated that no auguring had been done.

The chairman stated that the pile of soil on the right seemed to have a lot of organics.

Bill O'Brien stated that the pile on the right was pushed over from the natural grade.

Bob Gray stated that the two piles would be pulled back and replaced into the wetlands after removing the stumps.

Bill O'Brien stated that there was no dirt removed from the wetlands.

James Dehner asked what size trees were removed from the area.

Bill O'Brien stated that 6" – 10" trees were cut and used for firewood.

Bob Gray stated that prior to the implementation of the planting plan they would need to install erosion controls. He recommended using silt fence and not haybales which are known to bring invasive species.

Bob Gray stated that there would be staking at the edge of the fill and silt fence.

James Dehner asked about the potential for soil compaction.

Bill O'Brien stated that they would be removing piles as they go to avoid soil compaction.

Marilyn Kozodoy asked who would be supervising the grading and planting.

A wetland scientist would be supervising the grading and planting.

Bob Gray stated that removing the soil during frozen ground conditions would cause less rutting, saturation and compaction.

Bob Gray stated that hydric mineral soils were more likely to be found. He stated that they should be able to verify the soils.

James Dehner asked if it would be difficult to determine when to stop removing the soils.

Bob Gray stated that existing topography showed one foot of fill to be removed.

James Dehner asked how difficult it would be for vegetation to grow.

The chairman stated that the clay bank at Gray's Beach was 6' – 8' deep.

Bob Gray stated that the area was still a wetland and over time would likely revert to a wetland but could possibly have lots of invasive species.

Discussion regarding plantings (size, when to plant, how to plant, types of plants)

James Dehner stated that they should have a wetland scientist review the planting.

Bob Gray stated that he would have Mark Flaherty stake the filled area.

Marilyn Kozodoy stated that all of the discussion was to ensure that the work was being done correctly. It is not only for the Commission's benefit, but for the property owner's as well to have the work completed correctly the first time.

Bob Gray stated that he felt that Mr. O'Brien was looking forward to getting this done correctly and behind him.

8:00p.m. Continuation of a Public Hearing for revisions to the Kingston Wetland Protection Regulations

The Kingston Conservation Commission held a Public Hearing to present and discuss proposed changes to the Kingston Wetlands Protection Regulations.

William Underhill motioned to accept the Table of Contents and Definitions as reviewed.

Sue Chamberlain seconded the motion.

9:27p.m. **VOTE: 6-0-0**

William Underhill motioned to continue the Public Hearing.

Sue Chamberlain seconded the motion.

9:28p.m. **VOTE: 6-0-0**

William Underhill motioned to adjourn.

Sue Chamberlain seconded the motion.

9:30p.m. **VOTE: 6-0-0**