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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes December 8, 2010

Wyatt Mills, Andrew Chagnon, Bill Freer and Terry Bradley were present. Cheryl Peckham was absent. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:12PM.

Citizen's Forum

No one was present for Citizen's Forum.

(248-576) Purgatory Road (Maps 8 & 9)

Proposed mill and overlay of approximately 4,900 linear feet of Purgatory Road. The applicant is Northbridge Department of Public Works (DPW), 11 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Richard Sasseville of the DPW explained that this is a simple mill and overlay and there will be no widening of the road. The DPW will start at West End Creamery near the Route 146 Interchange and continue down to the intersection of North Main Street using Chapter 90 money. The project will be broken into Phases depending on what's available for money. The mill layer will be about 1 ½ inches thick and the overlay about 2 inches thick. There is country drainage along the roadway; in other words not much drainage. This is considered a roadway maintenance project.

The first Phase will probably take them to Burdon Street which will be well away from any wetlands. There are a couple of New Hampshire basins located off the road that discharge into the brook. The DPW will clean them out and repair if needed.

In the second Phase at the causeway, there is one catch basin in the roadway that drops into the pond. Mr. Sasseville also stated that there is a culvert somewhere that connects the two low water bodies that they cannot locate at this time. Once it is located, they will check the condition of it and may sleeve it if needed since it has been there since the 1930's.

Mr. Bradley requested that erosion controls be used where the work will be near any resource areas. Mr. Sasseville explained that erosion controls have been indicated already in the Notice of Intent and that after the milling, the roadway will be swept to minimize the loose debris. The project will not be started until about April and be completed by the fall of next year (2011).

Mr. Chagnon requested that if the culvert needs excavation, then the DPW come back to the Conservation Commission. Also, the catch basins should be covered before the application of a tack coat, if used, to prevent the tack coat from entering the drainage system. Lastly, if the asphalt is cleaned out of the trucks, it must be done outside any resource areas and buffer zones.

Mr. Mills would like to see water quality improvements to the catch basins, even if it is minimal. Also, instead of repaving the off road structures (about 8 feet long), he would like rip rap installed to treat the runoff, if it is feasible. It should be conditioned that a final construction detail be submitted before the start of construction. Erosion controls should be used to protect resource areas.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Freer. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to close the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to accept the plans with the above noted conditions.

Minutes

None to be approved.

Old / New Business

None to be discussed.

Other

The Conservation Commission members present performed *administrative tasks* (signed Orders, etc.) that were needed.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant