

**ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
December 16, 2015
7:15 PM
TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET
ROOM 204**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, William Froberg, Tom Arnold, Amy Green, Jim Colman, Paula Goodwin

NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: Joe Will, Carolyn Kiely

7:15: Read into record: Correction Statement from Carolyn Kiely re: Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant Notice of Intent. See attachment A.

7:20 Hybrid Farm, Annual License Renewal

Bettina Abe, Natural Resources Department, submitted the January, 2016 license renewal. A new bond will be submitted when it is received from the bank. Renewal fee will be submitted shortly. Hybrid is not requesting any changes or additions to the license.

Mr. Colman pointed to the provision that Area "D" will be maintained in its current state until a cover plan is decided upon. Ms. Goodwin cited a need for a discussion about a remediation plan. Some time during the next calendar year, the Commission should have the conversation with Ms. McConnon about "what do we want there?" Mr. Maitland suggested that the Commission consider that at the next quarterly walk.

Decision: Mr. Arnold moved that the Commission approve the renewal of the license. Mr. Colman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:30 Community Preservation Study Committee Presentation

Peter Berry, chairman of the CPC Study Committee, gave the Committee an update on the current activity of the committee. The CPA was adopted by the Town in 2003. Currently, there is a 1.5% surcharge which is matched by State funds. There is a potential to increase that up to 3%. The average tax assessment is currently \$123 per household. The average assessed home value in Acton is about \$538K. Currently, 164 communities in the State of Massachusetts have adopted the CPA. Originally the Town was getting a 100% State match, but currently it has been dropped to 30%. There is the opportunity to use "blended" CPA funding, which uses the household assessment as well as other funds that may be allotted by the town. Currently, Littleton uses the method, and it has proven successful. However, it poses complications that could render it impractical for Acton. The CPC will be making recommendations for changes to the BoS in February.

Information only: Wetherbee Land Use Draft License Agreement.

The draft License agreement has been reviewed by Town Counsel. The license renewal process will include a meeting with the Superintendent at MCI Concord. MCI Concord will have their counsel review the license, as well.

Notice of Intent, Acton Bylaw: 176 Central Street, continued to January 6, 2016 meeting

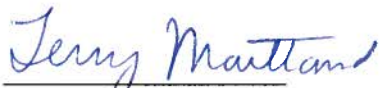
Certificate of Compliance: Ellsworth Village, DEP File #85-892

Decision: Mr. Colman moved to issue the Certificate, Ms. Green seconded and the vote passed unanimously. Note: Mr. Arnold, as a resident of the Village, recused himself from the decision.

MINUTES: November 18, 2015: Reviewed by AG, TA, TM, PG, AM

Decision: Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Goodwin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 PM



Terry Mattland
Chairperson

Attachment A.

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December 16, 2015

TO: Acton Conservation Commission
FROM: CarolynKiely

SUBJECT: Correction for the Record

I am here today to make a correction for the record for my December 2, 2015 testimony before the Conservation Commission regarding the Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant Notice of Intent.

In my testimony, I incorrectly classified the 400 foot zone around ponds as “no build” in accordance with the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act. The correct characterization is that there are reduced development requirements for lands within 400’ of a surface water source in accordance with state regulations governing Surface Water Supply Protection Areas.

Thank you.

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Amended AGENDA
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8:00 176 Central Street: *continued to January 6, 8:00 PM*

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