

HOPKINTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, August 12, 2008

Present:

Peter Stevens, Harvey Buford, Craig Hotchkiss, Dorothy Gardiner

- A. Site Walk 6:30 PM Cedar Hollow, Plat 4, Lot 13-A, Master Plan Submittal. Corner of Main St (Rt 3) and Wellstown Rd. Meet on Wellstown Rd. Tony Neena / Stan Trombino representing applicant. Site walk beginning at 6:30pm was completed, and members of HCC not attending the site walk were updated on the proposed development. Additional comments and questions were entertained by the applicants, and questions and issues from HCC were clarified, and information confirmed as requested. The development will consist of various shops and businesses, and a small restaurant. A decrease in the use of salt to maintain driveways and parking was discussed, and the developer agrees to carefully care for the paved areas, and keep the area safe for pedestrians using as little salt as possible. Additionally, the developer will review other methods of ice abatement which may be ecologically superior. Exit onto Route 3, and another exit on Wellstown road will provide adequate traffic flow, and integrated walkways to connect other businesses to this area will allow increased use of walkways and decreased auto traffic for lunch breaks while enhancing restaurant business. Some additional permitting from DEM to allow a five foot or so use of the buffer will be sought by the applicant. The permitting for septic by DEM is also pending. Harvey Buford will write a letter to the PB noting support of this project with minor changes. Discussion of contents of letter, Mr. Buford to write and submit letter. Unanimous approval of content to be included in letter. Letter by Harvey Buford to PB attached to Meeting Notes
- B. Minutes for the last meeting (July 8, 2008) were approved unanimously with minor corrections.
- C. Discussion of Minor Subdivision Pre-App. on north side of Grassy Pond Road. This parcel is considered to be significant as a likely Natural Heritage Site., and is adjacent to know NHS site surrounding Grassy Pond. This may be an important wildlife corridor between Camp Yawgoog and Arcadia Management Area.
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1. Zoning Ad Hoc Committee. Just about finished with Exit 1.
 2. Stream Water Monitoring. Additional Information is not quite ready.
 3. Scenic Inventory. Time Allocated to this subject, however the projector failed. This item will be rebooked for the next meeting.

4. Relevant Documents Compilation. It is noted that the town web site now has a listing or ordinances. What additional information might be needed for new and current members of HCC?
5. New members. Harvey noted that two new members have not yet been formally appointed by the Town Council.
6. PROJECT Assignments:

Peter Stevens/Dorothy Gardiner: Relevant Documents?

Harvey Buford: Letter to PB re: HCC support of Cedar Hollow with minor adjustments. Letter content as discussed to be send by Harvey Buford.

E. Correspondence, Misc. None

F. Members Forum No additional comments at this time

G. Public Forum None

H. Adjournment 9:00 pm Unanimous approval