



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
999 Whipple Road
Tewksbury, MA 01876**

Stanley Folta, Chairman
Anthony Ippolito, Vice-Chair
Sean Czarniecki, Clerk
Stephen Deackoff
Dennis Sheehan

**Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Tewksbury Town Hall by Stanley Folta, Chairman. Present at the meeting were Anthony Ippolito, Dennis Sheehan, and Sean Czarniecki. Also in attendance was Kyle Boyd, Conservation Agent, and Melissa Johnson, Recording Secretary. Stephen Deackoff was not in attendance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2013

Mr. Czarniecki noted a change to Bill Manuell's name in the January 16, 2013 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Czarniecki made the motion to approve the January 16, 2013 meeting minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Ippolito and the motion carried 4-0.

A) Public Hearing, Request for Determination, River Road (from Andover Street to Trull Brook), Tewksbury DPW

Ms. Michelle Stein, Town Engineer, was present. Ms. Stein explained that she is present for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the River Road roadway project. It is anticipated that the work will begin sometime after April 15, 2013 and will be completed in June, 2013; depending on the weather and contractor's schedule.

Mr. Folta requested Ms. Stein provide a brief scope of work. Ms. Stein explained that the works limits are from Route 133 at Andover Street to Trull Brook; matching up where the Mass Highway River Road project is currently in process. The roadway work will include reclamation, adding additional berms to certain areas, binder and topcoat and other standard roadwork reconstruction. Erosion controls will be installed along the areas within the buffer zones.

Mr. Czarniecki asked what is being done about the National Heritage issues. Ms. Stein referenced a letter from National Heritage dated January 17, 2013 which states that the Blanding turtle is approximately 15 feet below the actual roadway surface work; which falls under Exemption 12 of 321 CMR 10-14. As long as the roadwork does not go beyond the

four feet from the existing travel lane a filing is not required. Ms. Stein noted that there is no reason to go beyond the four feet.

Mr. Folta requested Mr. Boyd be notified once the siltation fence has been installed to ensure it has been done correctly.

Mr. Folta opened the hearing to the public.

Ms. Joanne McMahon of 220 River Road came forward and noted that she does not understand what Ms. Stein is talking about and asked what work will be done on River Road. Ms. Stein explained the work will be similar to what was done on the other half of River Road where the pavement was ground up, re-graded and two layers of asphalt was put down to make the road stronger. Ms. McMahon asked if this will be done around the Mobil Station. Ms. Stein confirmed this and explained that the intersection at this location will also be corrected to make it safer and more efficient. Ms. McMahon asked how far the sidewalks will go. Ms. Stein explained that the sidewalks will end at the 910 Andover Street plaza and noted that she does not have the full size plans with her and welcomed Ms. McMahon to come by her office to review the plans. Ms. McMahon asked if any consideration has been given to installing speed bumps as the speed limit is 35 mph and cars are going 60 mph and it is unsafe. Ms. Stein explained that the only thing she can suggest is to contact the police department regarding speeding issues.

Ms. McMahon thanked the people responsible for addressing the water issues at the Mobil Station on Andover Street.

Ms. Cynthia Berry of 237 River Road came forward and asked if the road will be widened and if it will go to the Sawyer Bridge. Ms. Stein explained there are currently no plans to widen the road and it will go up to the Sawyer Bridge. The area will match where Mass DOT's project limits end.

MOTION: Mr. Ippolito made the motion to close the public hearing portion; seconded by Mr. Sheehan and the motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: Mr. Czarniecki made the motion for a negative determination River Road (from Andover Street to Trull Brook), Tewksbury DPW; Mr. Boyd shall be notified once the siltation barriers have been put in place; the limits at the sensitive habitat areas shall be maintained and the DPW shall work with Mr. Boyd on this; seconded by Mr. Ippolito and the motion carried 4-0.

B) Continued Public Meeting, Enforcement Order, Brian Schofield, 91 Emily Road, Map 110, Block 5

Mr. Folta noted that this matter is still being worked on and suggested tabling it to the next meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Czarniecki made the motion to table Continued Public Meeting, Enforcement Order, Brian Schofield, 91 Emily Road, Map 110, Block 5 to February 20, 2013; seconded by Mr. Ippolito and the motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Ippolito noted that he has been working with Mr. Boyd on preparing something to provide to the 6th grade students who are doing science projects on conservation, wetlands, vernal pools, etc. Mr. Folta noted that he has no objections to this and appointed Mr. Ippolito as the Chair of the Subcommittee for this. Discussion took place on whether this could be part of the Educational and Informational Subcommittee. Mr. Folta explained that at this point Mr. Ippolito will be the Chair and will work with himself and Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Ippolito noted that he has also been working on preparing a scholarship program for the Tewksbury High School students. It would be an essay contest on conservation and would be for 10th-12th grade students. A screening committee would be put together to review the essays. Mr. Folta noted that this should be discussed away from the Conservation Commission meeting. Mr. Czarniecki noted that the Recycling Committee has a similar program. This will be discussed further with the town staff.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Ippolito made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Sheehan and the motion unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: 
Sean Czarniecki, Clerk

3/20/13
Date