

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2011**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)  
Phil Lussier (PL)  
Brian Clark (BC)  
Will Thayer (WT)  
David Fessenden (DF)

Others Present: Olaf Thorp; Christine Jerome; Emily Boss, Franklin Land Trust Representative  
The meeting is called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Commission reviews and accepts the Oct. 11, 2011 meeting minutes.
2. Commission reviews and signs municipal certifications for Olaf Thorp's conservation restriction for 112 acres on Bird Hill Rd. and Christine Jerome's conservation restriction for 104 acres on Bird Hill Branch Rd. Mr. Thorp's restriction allows for a 4 acre building envelope.
3. Robert Jonas NOI hearing. The Commission opens the hearing for Mr. Jonas. Advertisement of the hearing was published in the Greenfield Recorder. Based on questions from DEP representative M. Stinson, the hearing will be extended to November 9, 2011. A motion is made to extend the hearing. It is seconded and all vote in favor.

The Commission reviews the DEP letter regarding the Jonas case. The DEP is requiring wetland delineation, replication of wetland area, and for the applicant to submit a "fully completed" DEP Bordering Vegetated Wetland plan [310.CMR 10.55].

4. The Commission agrees to not meet on November 23, 2011.
5. Gail Abbott speaks with the Commission about the beaver situation near her property off Rt. 112. Beavers are taking down trees and in the process knocking out power to the houses in the area and potentially jeopardizing the septic system of an abutter. Ms. Abbott is interested in how best to proceed with this concern. She would like to possibly trap the beavers / breach the dam. The Commission advises Ms. Abbott to speak with several different departments (Emergency Services, Board of Health) for additional advice, as this is a public safety issue and emergency orders are only issued by the Board of Health. PL will investigate this further and L. Gavin offers to speak with D. Colter of the Board of Health for the best way to proceed.
6. Emergency Certification update – LG has spoken with T. Poissant who has listed 5 sites that have needed work. PL asks if Creamery Rd. has also been included – it is not on the list. BC submits N. James' Emergency Certification for 83 Scott Rd. for restoration work after Tropical Storm Irene.
7. Commission discusses M. Dufresne's (snowmobile club) request to create a crossing in the Watson Spruce Corner area.
8. On-Line Building Permits – Marie Stella of 719 Barnes Rd. has applied for a permit to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> story deck on side of house that does not face the resource area. Another Barnes Rd. resident would like to install solar panels on barn roof. This project site is in excess of 200 feet from the riverfront.
9. Commission discusses D. Mollison driveway repair; no work has been done yet. It seems as if the gravel is of good quality.

10. R. Gray's field drainage project – Mr. Gray would like to improve drainage of the field for agricultural purposes and plans to dredge some material from river to expose existing drains. The Commission has received a letter from NHESP representative David Paulson. Mr. Paulson conducted a site visit and states that this project is routine agricultural maintenance. The letter is read aloud. Mr. Paulson describes the project to be the following: 400 +/- section of aquatic section removal from channel to expose two active field drains. The channel will not change course. The work must be completed before Nov. on days of warmer weather. The material will be trucked off site when ground is frozen. Some material can be left (with prior approval) for turtle nesting.
11. Curtiss drainage pond – Commission discusses how best to advise Mr. Curtiss re: his project ideas. PL states that this type of project undoubtedly would require professional planning and has urged Mr. Curtiss to seek out NRCS.
12. DF mentions that he has received a complaint from a concerned citizen regarding West Rd. land owner. DF presents a picture of the site (Google picture). There is approximately 1/2 acre of cleared land. It appears as if the trailer has been moved farther into the site and an additional structure has been built. DF will contact J. Hawkins and provide GIS coordinates to the DEP.

Meeting adjourns at 9:15 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Sussbauer