

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2012
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joan Formeister. Members present were Candace Aleks, Greg Genlot, Henry Broer, and Todd Whitman. Also present was Dave Askew, Wetlands Agent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Application #661 Marielle Morgan : house, drive, and septic within upland review area.

This is a two lot split off of Old Hampden Road. At the request of consultants and soil scientist the drive way has been moved 50 ft away from the wetlands which is associated with Thrasher Brook. A clearing limit line has been put on the map. The house is about 100ft away from the wetland. . The homeowners provided an alternatives assessment and have investigated costs associated with developing this remote lot, as part of the alternatives process.

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to approve the application. Seconded by Greg Genlot, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Application #662: 349 Main Street LLC. New Parking lot in upland review area. 349 Main St.

Tim Coon with JR Russo & Associates along with Jonathan Murray were at the meeting and gave a brief presentation of the proposal. Mr. Coon went over the minor revisions to the footprints, property line, data block and parking areas. The new parking lot is going to be used for event parking only. The lot will be used for overflow parking during special functions and events. The applicant projects the lot will only be used a few times a year. Similar to the Five Town Fair parking, attendants will be used to show people where to park.

The applicant is proposing to re-grade the parking area, construct a water quality swale and keep the area mowed well. The applicant is proposing to keep the lot grass with the option to go to gravel if necessary.

Mr. Askew stated he was somewhat reluctant about leaving it as grass due to erosion concerns. There was discussion by commission members about how often the parking lot would be used. Mr. Murray assured the commission the lot would not be used very often. He explained he did not want

customers getting stuck in the grass during wet conditions. They would like to keep the look of grass with the option for gravel if needed.

A motion was made by Candace Aleks to approve Application #662 with the condition that the storm water infiltration and swale be constructed simultaneously with the parking lot and that initially it will be allowed to be grass with the option for gravel .Seconded by Greg Genlot, all in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to add 2013 meeting calendar to the agenda. Seconded by Greg Genlot, all in favor, motions carried.

The commission reviewed the calendar. The first Wednesday of every month worked for everyone except July 2 was changed to July 10.

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to accept the 2012 meeting dates as stated above. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor, motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

V. STAFF/COMMISSION REPORT

Dave Askew reviewed the November Wetland's Agent report. Copies were handed out to all commission members.

A motion was made by Joan Formeister to accept and approve the November Wetland's Agent report. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor, motion carried.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS

Robinson & Cole sent the town correspondence. An application has been submitted to the Siting Counsel for the Solar Panel project at Lipton's Farm. The application is being reviewed.

There was a bill in the amount of \$70.83 for the Journal Inquirer.

A motion was made by Greg Genlot to approve and pay the bill. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor, motion carried.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL : Oct 2012

A motion was made to approve the October 2012 minutes by Joan Formeister. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 by Joan Formeister. Seconded by Candace Aleks, all in favor, motion carried.