

**TOWN OF SOMERS**  
**Conservation Commission**  
**600 Main Street, P. O. Box 308**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Formeister called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Those present were: Joan Formeister, Greg Genlot, Dan Fraro, Candace Alecs, Todd Whitford (7:20) and David Askew, Wetlands Agent. Mike Mocko was also present.

Those absent were: Lise Wood, Karl Walton, and Hank Broer.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/Decision Application #682 (application automatically received 2/4/15). 331/335 Stafford Road.** Driveway within upland review area associated with 1-lot subdivision and new residential construction. Suave.

David Askew said the Commission can make a decision tonight, as the application was automatically received at the last meeting. Mike Mocko, representing the applicant, presented the plan to the Commission. Mr. Mocko said that this is a re-subdivision consisting of 2.83 acres with no wetlands on the new lot. The slope of the driveway meets the 10% grade requirement. There is a stream on the parcel being subdivided and the new driveway is within the upland review area. Standard erosion controls will be used.

David Askew said that he will require a more detailed erosion control plan when the building permit is submitted and that the plan must show the location of diversions on the driveway to ensure that erosion is limited during driveway construction and sediments are not allowed to enter the road, drainage system, and stream. Mike Mocko said they will put in a 4" underdrain as a permanent drainage feature.

*Candace Alecs made a motion to approve Application #682 with the condition that a detailed erosion control plan is submitted with the building permit application, seconded by Joan Formeister and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

2. **Review of Conservation Easement Boundary. Application #681. 88 King Road/Bradley Road.** Applicant: Brian Gallant

David Askew said the plan for the easement was submitted to meet the conditions of the subdivision approval back in December. Permit conditions require marking both the wetland boundary and conservation easement boundary. Mr. Askew, and Mr. Mocko reviewed the boundary of the easement in relation to the wetland boundary, highlighting areas of the wetland that are not within the easement. Mr. Askew stated that the goal of the easement was to ensure additional protection of the core of the wetland, which may have one or two viable vernal pools. There are two seasonally ponded areas within the

wetland that have not been assessed as vernal pool habitat. The easement will also protect wooded areas around the seasonally flooded pools.

*The Commission approved the boundary of the easement unanimously, by consensus.*

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Officers:**

After a discussion, it was decided to keep the slate of officers as is::

Joan Formeister, Chairman

Todd Whitford, Vice-Chairman

Candace Alecs, Secretary

*Greg Genlot made a motion to maintain the current slate of officers, seconded by Dan Fraro, and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: There was none.

V. STAFF REPORT:

David Askew presented his staff report to the Commission.

*Dan Fraro made a motion to accept David Askew's report; seconded by Todd Whitford and unanimously approved by the Commission.*

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS:

David Askew gave one piece of mail that was received to Joan Formeister.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: January 7, 2015

Greg Genlot made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2015; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Candace Alecs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dan Fraro and unanimously approved by the Commission. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Alecs, Secretary, Secretary

Connie Careno, Recording Secretary

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