

Scituate Conservation Commission

October 10, 2006

Official Minutes

Attendees: Thomas Angell, Tammy Bottella, Paul Dolan, Ruth Strach, and Jon Vernava

**Absent: Cheryl Dexter and Cynthia Gianfrancesco Guest(s):
Christopher Modisette**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Secretary's Report:

Mr. Dolan moved to approve the minutes to the September meeting, seconded by Mr. Vernava. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Matter from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Financial Reports:

The invoice for the hay mowing for Lawton Farm was submitted in the

amount of \$1,430.00. A grant from the government will cover seventy-five percent with the town paying the remainder of twenty-five percent. Mr. Iverson will gather the information needed to be submitted for all work that was completed at Lawton Farm in regard to brush control.

Old Business:

Property Committee:

There are several areas that need to be pushed back at Lawton Farm, the edge is encroaching. Invasive control is needed along the margins of the field. There are also several trees that need to be removed. Mr. Hopkins did an excellent job when the field was mowed.

Another registered letter will be sent to the property owners on Seven Mile Road, Anthony and Annette Angeli, with copies to Mr. David Provonsil and Mr. Richard Iverson. A deadline of thirty days will be given to remove the stonewall that was built on town property. If not taken care of by the deadline, a contractor will be hired to take care of the situation. The letter will be drafted by Member Bottella.

Draft Conservation Development Ordinance; Comments to Plan Commission:

There was brief discussion on this topic. Copies of the draft ordinance will be made for all commission members to review. The deadline for submission of comments is November 10, 2006.

Master Plan Comments - Hope Mill:

The commission will comment on the conceptual plan of the Hope Mill to the Planning Commission. The proposed plan is for 155 units of one and two bedroom apartments, sixteen which will be designated affordable housing and fifty-two luxury condominiums. There will be one commercial building and a museum. A sewer line may be tied in to West Warwick. In exchange for the easement to accomplish this, a bridge over Hope Associates railroad trestle will be built and also seven acres of open space will be donated. A hydro-electric station may be used for their electricity. A traffic engineer said there will be

no impact on traffic in the area.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

New Business:

There will be a Greenspace Project meeting on October 18th, at Chopmist Hill Inn and at the Preservation Society in November.

Old Business:

Mr. Angell recused himself from discussion on the following.

There was some discussion on land acquisition regarding properties available to purchase the development rights or to purchase outright.

The Nipmuc Property is possibly being sold to another developer who will build within the set guidelines.

Mr. Dolan moved to introduce the Chopmist Hill corridor for application of a grant from D.E.M. These properties would include: Holdsworth, Angell, Earle and Wall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Strach. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The commission received permission from the council to apply for a

D.E.M grant on Plat 47 Lot 11. The commission will also move forward on the proposal for Henry's Tree Farm and the Tirrell property.

The commission will return to the council for approval of grant submission. A motion of approval should be reflected in the council minutes for documentation.

The annual meeting will take place on March 13, 2007; location could possibly be the Chopmist Hill Inn. Mr. Dolan will try to find a speaker for the meeting with the topic being stonewalls.

The vernal pool tour at Westconnaug Meadows with Mr. Peter Lockwood has been scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2007.

Property Stewards:

Bob and Carol Janus have volunteered to become property stewards. The commission will check the liability issue.

Correspondence:

This topic was briefly discussed.

Adjournment:

Ms. Strach moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Vernava. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia M. Russo