

**Town of Scituate
Conservation Commission
Workshop – WPA Building
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2014**

Members Present: Mr. Snow, Chairman, Ms. Caisse, Mr. Harding, Mr. Parys, Mr. Schmid, and Ms. Scott-Pipes.

Also Present: Patrick Gullivan and Carol Logue, Secretary

Mr. Snow: Open space – variety of projects: Hubbell, Higgins/McAlister and 214 Clapp regarding how to start to develop access, plus look into parking and trail networks. The new road is approved for access to Appleton Field and as soon as papers are passed need to get started. There is \$75,000 available for the access road and parking for the Crosbie parcel. Going to ask DPW to put together specs for an RFP. On the second section of the Driftway Trail DPW took and sponsored project for the RFP.

Other issues: mitigation policies, minor activities, enforcement and how to be consistent with decisions.

The scout troop is ready to clean up the Driftway.

Thoughts on mitigation, what's appropriate for work close to buffer zones, either say no, or decide what is appropriate to ask for.

Ms. Caisse: need something that will hold up, something reasonable, that the applicant will abide by, in case we get appealed.

DEP held up our decision on Sunset Road. It is important to think about; there is no hard/fast line.

Humarock is a resource area; we still have to look at by a case by case basis. If a septic is approved, possibly remove asphalt, but of course the septic is an improvement in itself. Need consistency. Usually ask for some mitigation if working in the 100' buffer.

Mr. Parys has read a lot of federal and state cases, 50' buffer is not a no build zone. Lots of towns call it a no build, not that it's wrong.

Mr. Snow: If you don't push too much, they have to weigh the pros and cons of appealing. We don't have to agree to what everybody wants as long as it was discussed at the meeting.

No pesticides and no sprinkler systems – no harm that these are orders, may make the people think.

Ms. Scott-Pipes: The Glenn: Greater benefit for the town if there is an access from Summer Street.

Ms. Caisse: Shouldn't put a shed in a velocity zone.

Mr. Gullivan: Minor activity permits are issued if the project won't harm a resource area. What do we consider a minor activity? A sonotube or an air conditioner pad; non-impacting projects. Should have a beginning and end date.

Mr. Snow: Need a good way to track. Should use heavier poster paper 8-1/2" x 11"; Building department uses red; we should use green.

Mr. Parys - Enforcement: should have a policy – bring the person in and give them 60 days to correct the problem or file, whatever is required. Here's the plan, make it comply or request an amendment.

Mr. Gullivan: should have an Open Space Sub-Committee. They could do the CRs, trails, etc.

Mr. Snow: Need to have a public meeting maybe at Mount Hope requesting input regarding parking lot and trails. Should do a press release.

Mr. Snow will see if the building is available for March 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Logue, Secretary