



# Grafton Conservation Commission

## MINUTES of the GRAFTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Grafton Conservation Commission was held in Conference Room F of the Grafton Municipal Center on January 5, 2016. Present were: Co-Chairperson John Wilson, Heather Trudell, Peter Finn, Kathleen Theoharides, and Conservation Agent Maria Mast. Co-Chairperson Sandra Brock arrived at 7:15 p.m. and departed at 7:45 p.m. Conservation Assistant Leah Cameron was absent.

Co-Chairperson John Wilson opened the public meeting at 7:10 p.m.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

7:15 p.m. – **DEP File # 164-904- NOI, Application for Grafton Wetlands Bylaw Permit #737, Application for Stormwater Management Bylaw Permit #15-006 (Continuation) – Town of Grafton – 4 & 6 Upton Street (Assessor's Map 74, Lot 89 & 90)** - The applicant is proposing the construction of a super park with access driveway, parking, and utilities within resource areas. The applicant's representative, Norman Hill of Land Planning, Inc. presented revised plans to the Commission. The revised plans show the locations of "no salt or sand" signs and no-disturb wetland signs, the revised stockpile location outside of the tree line and the 100 foot buffer zone, and an increased pavement thickness from three inches to four inches. The Commission reviewed the revised plans and discussed special conditions including the following: 1) An updated copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan must be provided to the Conservation Commission office in conjunction with filing to the EPA. 2) Copies of correspondence with the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the long eared bat status on site shall be provided to the Conservation Commission prior to the commencement of work. 3) The porous pavement installer must have a minimum of three years demonstrated professional experience installing porous pavement systems. Prior to installation, the installer shall provide a letter to the Conservation Commission verifying this experience. The porous pavement system shall be installed in accordance with the specifications set forth by the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center. 4) The Conservation Commission or Agent shall be contacted to perform a post-construction inspection of the porous pavement to evaluate that the system permeability has been achieved as designed. This inspection shall be performed by pouring water on the pavement surface at a rate of five gallons per minute and measuring the distance the water spreads along the surface and the rate of infiltration. Water should not spread farther than five feet along the surface. This test shall be performed at three to four varied locations on the paved surface. The asphalt surface shall also be visually inspected for smearing and other indicators of improper installation. 5) The playground surface has been permitted as a porous pavement system. Post construction permeability inspections shall be performed on the playground surface. 6) Application of sand and/or salt to the porous pavement surface is strictly prohibited. Signs stating this prohibition must be installed on site as shown on the approved plans. 7) The applicant/owner shall maintain the porous pavement system in accordance with University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center Porous Pavement guidelines. The porous pavement system shall be vacuum swept a minimum of four to six times per year. 8) If additional development is proposed on site which will result in a change of use or an increase of on-site traffic, the Board of Selectmen/Applicant shall be required to submit to the Conservation Commission for approval either a plan of protection for the porous pavement system or a replacement plan for the porous pavement system. If chosen, a protection plan shall be implemented prior to and during construction. Alternatively, a replacement plan shall be implemented upon completion of the new construction. After completion of any new construction on site, the permeability of the porous pavement system shall be re-tested by the Conservation Commission or Agent. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded

by Peter Finn, to close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Peter Finn, to approve the December 15, 2015 meeting minutes with revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEP #164-895 / WP #728 – 13 Magill Drive – Request for Certificate of Compliance**

Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Peter Finn, to issue the Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEP #164-848 – 11 & 13 Potter Hill Road – Review plan revisions for minor change**

At the previous hearing, the Commission had requested additional information regarding the discrepancy in the easement shown on the two plans. The applicant has responded that the easement on the new plan was modified by the Department of Public Works during Town Meeting. Heather Trudell made a motion, seconded by Peter Finn, to approve the minor change as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**7:30 p.m. – Eagle Scout project presentation – nesting boxes – Cameron Cadman**

Boy Scout Cameron Cadman presented his plans and asked the Conservation Commission for support for his Eagle Scout project. The project would include the construction of twelve swallow/bluebird nesting boxes to be installed on conservation property. Ten boxes would be installed at Hennessey I and two boxes would be installed at 3 Sean Mikeal Way. The boxes would be installed on metal posts, two boxes per post. Peter Finn stated that the open fields at Hennessey I are mowed annually and the proposed boxes would need to be installed out of the way of mowing activities. The Agent agreed to review the proposed nesting box locations prior to installation. Peter Finn made a motion, seconded by Heather Trudell, to support the proposed project. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss special conditions for Stormwater Permit #15-008 for 207 Providence Road**

Peter Finn made a motion, seconded by Heather Trudell, to issue the special conditions as drafted. The motion carried unanimously.

Peter Finn made a motion, seconded by Heather Trudell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Documents discussed located in the Conservation Commission office:**

Notice of Intent, Application for Wetlands Bylaw Permit, & Application for Stormwater Management Bylaw Permit for:  
4 & 6 Upton Street & Graves Engineering, Inc. correspondence dated 12/29/15

Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015

Application for Stormwater Management Bylaw Permit, Request for Determination of Applicability, & Determination of Applicability for 207 Providence Road, draft special conditions dated 1/5/2016

Revised Plans for 11 & 13 Potter Hill Road

Certificate of Compliance Request for 13 Magill Drive and As-built plans dated 12/21/15

“Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project” and proposed dimensions of nesting boxes submitted by Cameron Cadman at 1/5/16 meeting

Agent’s Report to the Commissioners dated January 5, 2016

Minutes drafted by Maria Mast  
Approved on February 2, 2016