

**Carlisle Conservation Commission**  
**October 8, 2009**

Chair Peter Burn called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Clark Room at the Carlisle Town Hall. Also present were Commissioners Tom Brownrigg, Jenifer Bush, Kelly Guarino, Tricia Smith (7:50 p.m.) and Diane Troppoli and Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard.

**Minutes, Bills & General Agenda Items**

Brownrigg moved to accept the **May 14, 2009 minutes** as amended. Bush seconded and all present voted in favor, with the exception of Guarino, who abstained.

**Certificates of Compliance:**

**(DEP 125-279) 581 River Road: Project – Construction of a 4-bedroom house, driveway and appurtenances in the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a BVW. Issued: 9/22/1988.** Although the original COC was issued in 1988, it was never recorded at the Registry of Deeds (ROD); therefore a new COC was needed. Bush moved to issue a COC for DEP #125-279, Brownrigg seconded and all attending voted in favor.

**(DEP 125-668) 581 River Road: Project – Installation of pipes and a pump chamber to convey domestic effluent to a soils absorption system for secondary treatment. Issued: 4/22/2002.** Willard informed the Commission that the system permitted under this filing was never built. Because the OOCs had been recorded at the ROD, a COC is required. Brownrigg moved to issue a COC for DEP #125-668, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor.

**(DEP 125-0828) 581 River Road: Project – Construction of an in-ground swimming pool within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of BVW. Issued: 3/20/2008.** Willard reported that this project was never undertaken. Guarino moved to issue a COC for DEP #125-0828, Brownrigg seconded and all attending voted in favor.

**ConsCom Database Upgrade:** Willard reported that the Commission's database consultant is in the process of updating the Commission's database. Upon completion of the conversion, MS Office 2007 software will be installed as dictated by the Town Information Technology Plan.

**Bird Banding Request:** Willard reported having received a request in September to undertake a Broad-winged Hawk banding project on the Benfield Land. Because the request was not received in time to allow for a proper review of the proposal, the individual was asked to resubmit another request well in advance of the 2010 fall hawk migration.

**Cranberry Bog Harvest:** Scheduled for October 17th and 18th – weather dependent. The suggestion was made to advertise the tentative dates in *The Mosquito* in response to the significant amount of public interest in this annual event.

**Notice of Intent - Forest Cutting Plan, Great Brook State Park:** Willard circulated for informational purposes only the Forest Cutting Plan NOI submitted by the DCR to be undertaken at Great Brook Farm State Park under M.G.L. Chapter 132. The program allows citizens to cut firewood identified in the field by a state forester and is part of a forestry management plan under Chapter 61.

**8:00 p.m. (DEP 125-0868) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Edward and Nancy Hofstetter**

**Project Location: 98 Wolf Rock Road**

**Project Description: Installation of a new sewage disposal system including tree removal**

Burn opened the continued hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Russ Wilson presented the revised Plan, which had been revised in order to incorporate changes required by the Board of Health and has since received their approval. *Smith moved to close the hearing for DEP #125-0868, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor. Smith moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions with reference to the Plan of July 16, 2009, most recently revised September 16, 2009, Troppoli seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

**8:05 p.m. (DEP-0874) Abbreviated Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Andrew Yip and Kerri Stanley**

**Project Location: 72 Brook Street**

**Project Description: Installation of a chain-link dog fence within the 100' foot Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland**

Burn opened the continued hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The property owner reported that he received approval of the Plan from NHESP, which had been the only outstanding issue at the previous hearing. *Guarino moved to close the hearing for DEP #125-0874, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor. Smith moved to issue a Standard Order of Conditions, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

**8:15 p.m. (DOA-268) Request for Determination, Continued Meeting**

**Applicant: Carlisle Fire Department, Town of Carlisle**

**Project Location: 80 Westford St., Map 21, Parcel 1**

**Project Description: Installation of a municipal fire protection cistern, tree removal, grading and paving**

Burn opened the continued hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. George Dimakarakos of Stamski and McNary presented the revised Plan reflecting the following changes as requested at the previous hearing: 1) the wetland delineation has been revised by B&C Associates to include additional flagging on the northeasterly side of the property, with the associated Buffer Zone also now shown; 2) the question of whether or not the cistern could be moved closer to the fire station was addressed, and it was determined that this would not be possible because the excavation could prevent fire trucks from responding to emergencies; 3) the float switches within the cistern are now labeled "non-mercury". With all questions from the previous meeting having been addressed satisfactorily, *Smith moved to issue a Negative Determination B3, with the condition that the haybale line is inspected by the Administrator prior to construction, Troppoli seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

**8:30 p.m. (DEP 125-0865) Notice of Intent, Continued Hearing**

**Applicant: Department of Conservation and Recreation**

**Project Location: 984 Lowell Road, Great Brook Farm State Park**

**Project Description: Dredging of a farm pond and installation of a fire department connection**

Burn opened the continued hearing under the provisions of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw. For the record Willard noted that the Plan as submitted shows the pond being pumped out and discharged onto upland, when the location is in fact a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Since there has been no communication from the applicant since the previous hearing in spite of the numerous attempts made by Willard to contact them to ascertain his intentions in moving forward with the hearing, *Guarino moved to close the hearing for DEP #125-0865, Smith seconded and all attending voted in favor. Smith moved to deny the project due to the lack of sufficient information provided by the applicant in describing the site, the work, or the effect of the work on the interests identified in the Wetlands Protection Act. Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

**8:45 p.m. Discussion - Planning Board's proposed regulations for the review and approval of comprehensive permit applications pursuant to G.L. c.40B:** Planning Board Chair David Freedman was present to discuss the option of the Commissions' adopting Attachments B and C of the recently revised Comprehensive Permit Application regulations, with Attachment B pertaining to the use of advisory groups and C providing a means of obtaining reimbursement of consulting fees.

Freedman reported that the Planning Board has approached town land use boards with the request that they consider adopting the regulations in order to facilitate cross-board similarities and to provide useful tools such as a policy where a board or committee could initiate a Town Hall Advisory Group (THAG) as part of the application process, the composition of which would be at the discretion of the individual boards.

Smith commented that she would really appreciate it if the Planning Board would consider changing the acronym from THAG to TAG (Town Advisory Group) because "it seems like an unpleasant word that seems to connote an unpleasant process". Freedman offered that the Commission could change the reference within their individual document.

Guarino expressed the concern that it may not be sufficiently clear that the THAG process in no way replaces the formal review process required under the Wetlands Protection Act and asked that the language be amended in order to make this sufficiently clear.

Due to the Commission's desire to make several amendments to the documents as presented as well as concerns that the documents may be in conflict with the Carlisle Wetlands Protection Bylaw, the final determination shall be postponed until October 22, 2009.

**9:00 p.m. Land Stewardship Committee - Well Installation at Foss Farm:** Lynn Knight of the LSC was present to discuss their proposal for installing additional wells at the Foss Farm Community Gardens. She presented two possible options for locating the additional wells as well as information on the cost estimates she had received from two installers. *Smith moved to acquire two well points for Foss in order to improve the distribution of water for the gardeners and to authorize LSC to price the job as competitively as possible. Guarino seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

Knight also asked the Commission to consider the possibility of adding several new garden plots in order to better meet the increasing demand, with the suggestion that the Commission consider using the end plots that are presently reserved for composting and are often being taken over and converted into additional, unassigned plots. Long time community garden coordinator Bob Dennison, who was present for the discussion, was not in favor of additional plots. Guarino suggested that they might consider looking at other locations in town for additional gardens. The Commission asked Knight to explore the issue further with the plan of reaching a final decision in time for the 2010 garden season.

**9:15 p.m. Enforcement Order: 119 Estabrook Road / Winston and Doris Wells:** Willard reported having received an email from the property owner informing the Commission that he would be unable to attend. The discussion was postponed to the October 22, 2009 meeting.

10:15 p.m. *Troppoli moved to adjourn, Brownrigg seconded and all attending voted in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hopkins, Administrative Asst.