

**Carlisle Conservation Commission**  
**June 9, 2011**

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, Chair Elect Peter Burn called the meeting to order in the Clark Room at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Also present were Commissioners Luke Ascolillo, Tom Brownrigg and Jen Bush and Conservation Administrator Sylvia Willard. Chair Kelly Guarino and Member Debra Kimbrell Anderson were not present.

**Bills, General Agenda Items, Minutes and New/Pending Business:**

**Minutes:**

*Ascolillo moved to approve the May 26, 2011 as submitted, Bush seconded and all attending voted in favor. Subsequent to the vote, Brownrigg moved to add the Document Register to the minutes of the May 26, 2011 meeting, Bush seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Certificates of Compliance:**

**(DEP 125-0843): Location: 328 Concord Street,** Applicant: Theodore Mark; Location: Project: work associated with reconstructing an existing house, new garage, driveway modifications and drainage; Issued: 10/3/2008. Based on Willard's recommendations subsequent to a recent site visit that the project had been completed satisfactorily in compliance with the Plan of Record, *Bush moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP 125-0843, Brownrigg seconded and all voted in favor.*

**(DEP 125-0890) Location: Berry Corner Lane.,** Applicant: David Valchuis; Project Description: upgrading an existing common driveway; Issued: 10/15/2010. Based on Willard's recommendations subsequent to a recent site visit that the project had been completed satisfactorily in compliance with the Plan of Record and that the As Built Plan submitted by the applicant was reviewed and approved by the Planning Board's technical consultant, *Brownrigg moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance with Continuing Conditions to allow ongoing driveway maintenance for DEP 125-0890, Ascolillo seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Emergency Certificate: 224 Woodridge Rd:** The request for an Emergency Certificate was submitted by Civil Solutions, Inc. of Westford in conjunction with a Septic Tank Plan that has been submitted to the Board of Health subsequent to the discovery that the existing septic tank and distribution box have deteriorated to the point of becoming structurally unsound. The Board of Health has requested that the work be allowed under an Emergency Certificate due to potential public health and environmental concerns. Because a portion of the work is within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a BVW, the wetlands have been flagged and the plan includes a sedimentation and erosion control device composed of straw wattles. *Ascolillo moved to issue an Emergency Certificate to Ellen Sparks of 224 Woodridge Road with the special condition that the project area be reinspected post construction in order to confirm that the area has been satisfactorily revegetated, Brownrigg seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Land Use Permit:** *Bush moved to issue a Land Use Permit to Nichole Carrier of the USDA Forest Service for Biosurveillance Study on the burrowing wasp, *Cerceris fumipennis*, to be conducted at Foss Farm on July 6 or 7, 2011, with the Special Condition that a species list of the results of this study be submitted to the Commission when possible. Brownrigg seconded and all voted in favor.* Willard noted that this is a continuance of the biosurveillance studies done at Foss Farm last year

under a Land Use Permit in order to study the wasp colony, believed to provide an indication of the presence of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer beetle. There is currently no known evidence of this species in Carlisle.

**7:45 p.m. Conservationist of the Year Award Nomination:** *Brownrigg moved to award Sally Swift the Conservationist of the Year Award for 2011, Burn seconded and all voted in favor.*

**Tentative Summer Meeting Schedule:** June 28; July 14 & 28; August 11; Sept 8 & 22

**FY11 Year End Projection:** Ascolillo moved that the Commission encumber all remaining funds in the ConsCom budget as of June 30, 2011 to cover expenses associated with an existing Mowing Agreement, Brownrigg seconded and all voted in favor except for Jenifer Bush who abstained.

**ConsCom Terms:** Guarino and Brownrigg have agreed to renew their terms as of July 1, 2011, with a formal vote to be taken at the next meeting.

**Foss Farm Fence Repair:**

Willard thanked DPW Superintendent Gary Davis and his crew for replacing 18 fence rails and posts at the Foss Farm Parking Area that had been damaged over the winter. Funds for purchasing the posts were allocated from the Foss Farm Revolving Account.

**FEMA Risk MAP Update:** Willard reported having received additional information from FEMA relative to the Concord River Watershed Study. She had attended one of the Discovery Meetings conducted in January in order for Concord River Watershed communities and interested agencies to learn about the Risk MAP Program, review details of the Concord River Watershed Study, discuss mitigation planning, and identify flood risks within the watershed. They have recently clarified their previous request in that they are looking for changes and impacts such as new construction specifically along the Concord River and Spencer Brook.

**Towle Field Mowing:** Bush asked birding enthusiast Brownrigg for information relative to his observations of Bobolinks at Towle Field thus far this season. The question was posed because the Commission's current Mowing Agreement prohibits mowing prior to August 1 in order to protect nesting Bobolinks. Brownrigg said that, although this is the first season since he has been keeping records that he has not observed Bobolinks at Towle, that does not mean they will not recolonize at Towle, therefore he prefers that the Mowing Agreement remain unchanged.

**June Riverfest Activities:**

**River Stewardship Award Ceremony:** Chair Elect Peter Burn will be honored for his long time commitment to the management and protection of the SUASCO Rivers at the Buttrick Mansion in Concord on Friday, June 10, 2011. Burn has served on the Carlisle Conservation Commission for ten years, and for well over 25 years, he has been a verdant advocate for watershed wide management of the rivers as well. Burn was a founding member of the SUASCO Watershed Community Council and also serves on the River Stewardship Council.

**Annual Sunrise Wildlife and Scenic Riverfest Canoe Trip:** Sponsored by the Conservation Commission and will be led by local bird expert Ken Harte on Sunday, June 12, where the group will depart from the Bedford Boat Launch at Route 225 at 5 a.m.

**Benfield Trail Walk:** Sponsored by the Trails Committee for Saturday, June 11 leading from Spencer Brook and concluding at the Benfield Viewing Platform.

8:45 p.m. *Brownrigg moved to adjourn, Bush seconded and all voted in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Hopkins  
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