

Conservation Commission
12 July 2010

Regular Meeting - 6:30PM

Present: Vice Chairman Burcroff, Lloyd, Meehan, Belter,
Lankler - Oliver

- 1) Agenda - Approved Motion by Belter, 2nd Lankler, All:Aye
- 2) Minutes: A motion was made by Lankler 2nd by Belter, All: Aye To accept the minutes as written
- 3) A review of the planting plans provided by John Allee for the property at 155 Interlaken Road, indicating the areas in which native plantings would be placed along the shoreline was discussed. A motion by Lankler, 2nd Belter, All: Aye that no further approval was required as the questions raised at the June 14 meeting had been answered.
- 4) Paul Szymanski, P>E> of Howland Associates was present to discuss the culvert and road re-construction on the right of way across property of Ceppi, and the property owned by Moses Taylor, LLC. The Commission had granted permission for a temporary crossing of a stream on the Ceppi property in 2006, as an insignificant activity, requesting that an engineered plan be submitted at the time the temporary crossing would be replaced. Mr. Howland explained that a box culvert would be placed at the initial crossing and another culvert would be placed further up the road, showing the design to the members. It was suggested that the meeting be adjourned to the field during the next week to afford the members the opportunity to see the scope of the project. Mr. Lankler made a motion to meetin upon a satisfactory dadte having been determined, 2nd by Meehan, All: Aye
- 5) Hotchkiss School presented a plan to construct a heating plant and associated steam lines to the new gym in a regulated area. Oliver explained that he had met with the representatives and P&Z ZEO Nancy Brusie and Tom McGowen, Consultant to discuss the proposal in an informal setting. At that meeting it was suggested that the original plan could be modified to remove proposed activities from a wetland area and into the regulated setback area. The plans presented this evening reflect that alteration. Bob

Valentine opened the presentation with a general overview, followed by Charlie Guier who further amplified the intention in creating a central "green" (wood chip) plant and how it would be constructed and regulated. Joshua Hahn, Director of Environmental Initiatives for Hotchkiss, explained the need to remove the current heating plant from the hub of activity created by the new dorms and the added need to remove the central receiving from the heart of the campus. Bill Root, soil scientist, explained mitigation to provide a "zero impact" on the proximate wetlands. Tom Daly reviewed the green roof and the layout of the proposed building. Chairman Burcroff and Belter asked the representatives if the areas for the central receiving were critical to the plans, proposed, as the maintenance shop and receiving areas added 95 feet (30 and 65) to the encroachment into the regulated areas. Tom Daly indicated that the needs to remove traffic from the campus center dictated that the receiving area be moved and stated that the maintenance shop would be necessary as the personnel in maintenance would oversee the operation of the heating plant. Concerns were voiced by Lloyd and Meehan that the 3-5 foot setback from the wetlands would prove precedential in setback. The representatives have requested that they be notified if the Commission considers this to be a significant activity that would require a public hearing and requested that they be notified in a timely manner to allow the publication of required notices for the August meeting. It was moved by Lankler and seconded by Belter that the meeting be continued to a site visit to be set by member availability. All: Aye. A meeting will be set in conjunction with item 4. Mr Valentine will be notified upon the setting of a time and date.

6) Informational correspondence from DEP approving activities at Indian Mountain School was read.

6) The administrator reported on the activities on the Beaver Dam Road dam. The DEP and the Army Corps have required repairs to the dam and have so notified the Town.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM