

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27 2009**

PRESENT: **Arthur Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Thomas Heffernan, Secretary
Jack Leahey
Bob Roberts
Raymond Wilcox**

Alternates: **Keith Golembiewski
Andy Krar**

Recording Secretary **Nancy Drenzek**

Consultant **Keith Morris**

Public **Jay Russo
Guy Begin
Bill Hawkins – Town Planner**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Keith Morris read aloud the agenda for the record. Keith Golembiewski was appointed voting rights for Thomas Heffernan until Mr Heffernan arrives. At this time Ray Wilcox made a motion to move approval of the minutes from number VII on the agenda to number II. Glenn Neilson seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2009.

Ray Wilcox made a motion to amend the minutes to so state that on permit #1527 –Daniel Carnevale -10 Lot Subdivision a denial without prejudice to the plan modification was made, which left the applicant the opportunity to come back to the commission at a later time. Glenn Neilson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

With no other corrections to the minutes, Ray Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

III. PLAN MODIFICATION

Permit #1527 –Daniel Carnevale -10 Lot Subdivision to be served by Sanitary Sewer and Public Water –Thompsonville Road. Assessor’s Map #75H, Block#45, Lot #121. This property is located on the south side of Thompsonville Road nearest intersection being East Street.

Consultant Keith Morris introduced Jay Russo from J R Russo and Associates. Stating that it was the same plan, but new amendment. The proposed extension of 75’ on either end of the culvert has been shortened to 50’.

Jay Russo explained that after discussion with staff, since the last meeting there may be some agreement to comply with Zoning & Planning’s request, and something that this commission could live with. Based on that, the plan has been modified to shorten the two pipes from 75’ on either end to 50’. There are no

other changes. Furthermore, the wetland soil from beneath the pipe could be used as backfill on the top and eventually revegetate to blend in with adjacent wetlands.

Tom Heffernan arrived 7:15pm.

Ray Wilcox stated that he talked to Zoning & Planning to find out what the rationale was for a change. The rationale was safety, and mainly ease of maintenance. He stated that he had not been convinced that we need to do this. There would be no advantage to wetlands.

Chairman Christian stated that it was only a temporary disturbance. The integrity of the wetland would reoccur and not have to be disturbed by periodic dredging.

Tom Heffernan had some concern about the maintenance of the pipe in cleaning over time by the town. Discussion to put riprap at the inlet as protection to the pipe almost like an apron to help with maintenance.

Andy Krar brought up the concern with the vehicle trespass over the pipe with twelve inches of soil on top of a plastic pipe. Glenn Neilson agreed.

With no further comment, Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the application for #1527 with the following conditions:

- 1-10) Suffield Conservation Commission Stipulations 1-10 shall apply.
- 11) An approximately 25' by 25' sized rip rap apron shall be installed at the inlet of the upstream side of the culvert.
- 12) The culverts shall be installed on a gravel base consisting of 3' stone.
- 13) Grates shall be installed at the inlet and outlet of both culverts.
- 14) The town shall be made aware of potential problems with driving vehicles over the culvert during channel maintenance activities.
- 15) All conditions of the original permit shall remain in effect.

Jack Leahey seconded the motion and the motion was carried . Ray Wilcox against.

III. **SUNRISE PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT.**

Tom Drakeley gave a brief update on the status of the Park. Pond is open for ice skating and ice fishing. Everything is going well. A donation for a 6' long bench on the lower deck where the tree used to be will be installed in the spring. Pack 209 Den 6 made a donation of a birdhouse that will be put up in a tree near the lower field when the snow is gone. Since reservations started on Jan. 1, 2009 the park is probably 75% filled for the summer months. Discussion was made concerning the reservations. It was suggested that if a group is not familiar to the Superintendent that more information should be taken and checked out. Chairmen Christian will reinspect the park in the middle of Feb.2009.

IV **Plan Acceptance**

A. Permit #1534 _Begin Homes Inc. – House Demolition, construction of new single family home - 864 River Blvd. The property is located on the east side of River Blvd, nearest intersection being Burbank Ave. Assessor's map Number 85H, Block 53, Lot #111.

Keith Morris briefly explained the context of the application. Guy Begin was present to answer any questions. After some discussion, Glenn Neilson made a motion on Permit #1534 Begin Homes– House Demolition, construction of new single family home -864 River Blvd. to accept application before us. Ray Wilcox seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

V **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Hawkins, town planner had an update on the Plan of Conservation & Development (PUCD) . Zoning & Planning had decided to have a consultant. He would like support from Conservation Commission in going before the Board of Selectmen . Assuming he gets the approval he will then go to Board of Finance for approval. Commission will be writing a letter of support.

VI **CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Keith Morris stated that Aquatic Control, which does the pond treatment sent a notice that last years price of \$925.00 was incorrect . This year the price will be \$1225.00 per treatment. Chairman Christian asked that we look into getting different quotes and talk to Bob Borg about possible savings.

VII **ADJOURNMENT**

Ray Wilcox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Drenzek