

Minutes
of the
Palmer Conservation Commission
November 13, 2012

Present: Robert Ring, Donald Duffy, Dennis Cote, Glenn Colburn
Absent: Matt Trybus, Peter Izyk

7:00pm Duffy gave the Conservation Commission a report on his recent attendance at a Planning Board meeting. Discussed at the meeting was the proposal from Industrial Tower and Wireless to construct a cell tower off Old Warren Road. The parcel abuts both Palmer Conservation land and MassWildlife lands. The proponent had previously been informally before the Conservation Commission to discuss construction of a service road going up the mountain to the tower. The Commission at that time had expressed interest in conserving some of the un-used land as mitigation for work in the no-build buffer zone. At the Planning Board meeting the developer offered a proposal in that if he was allowed to build a stormwater management structure in the 50' buffer zone to a BVW that he would put a Conservation Restriction on all land not used for the tower, and give a deeded description of the CR land within the property boundaries to the town. It would be the town's responsibility to survey that land using the deeded description.

Also at the Planning Board meeting, a second item was a proposal by Palmer Motorsports to shift the path of their access road through Conservation land. Palmer Motorsports would remove the present crossing and culvert. That area would be restored to a natural condition. The new crossing would be slightly to the north, using a bridge to span the stream. Use of the bridge would be minimal disturbance. Restoration of the old crossing area would be a benefit to the wetland. The Planning Board felt there was a reduction in impact to the resource area if the new crossing was built. Palmer Motorsports will gift a CR to the Conservation Commission in exchange for easement through Conservation land.

Duffy wanted to alert the town administrator that there are three parcels the Conservation Commission is interested in securing CR's on. The land around the cell tower, the land given by Palmer Motorsports, and the land at North and Norbell Streets that is currently being considered for a solar array. The Norbell Street land is of particular interest for its historical aspects.

The land at Norbell is also of interest to the Water Department. The Water Department would be able to tap the underground aquifer with minimal disturbance to the area.

Mail:

Cutting plan for 48 acres, 1117 Ware Street.

Knox pPond report

Roger woods letter 569 Warren Street, during recent inspection of the gravel removal restoration site it was determined that a small amount of silt had entered the woods and 50' buffer. Silt barrier has been repair, but Mr. Woods felt removal of the silt from among the roots of the trees would result in further damage. The Commission agreed and will allow the silt to remain in place, seeded, and allowed to restore naturally. Duffy made a motion, seconded by Trybus, all in favor of Woods plan to leave in place and seed.

New filing from Sherman & Frydryk for addition to building at 15 Second Street, Bondsville.