



**Town of Roxbury
Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting held on 12/10/08**

Attendees:

Members:	Present	Absent	Seated for
Gary Steinman, Chairman	X		
Ron Pizzarelli, Vice Chair		X	
Cathy Masi, Secretary	X		
Hugh Rawson	X		
Mary van Riper	X		
Cecelia Santillo (A)		X	
David Wolfe (A)	X		Ron Pizzarelli
Trudy Swenson (A)	X		

No Public Attendees

Call to order at 7:07 pm.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2008 were approved as written.

Correspondence:

Gary Steinman asked the Commission if any topics should be included in the Roxbury Newsletter. Members agreed that volunteers are wanted for training in macro sampling of local rivers and that a notice of the next Solar Program be posted.

The Mygatt subdivision was issued a generic request to improve drainage which included grassy swales. The property passed the Wetlands Commission and is now onto Planning.

A brochure was received by Gary Steinman from the Ideal Concrete Block Company which manufactures permeable concrete driveway paving blocks.

Reports and Presentations:

Shepaug Watershed Activities:

Hugh Rawson reported no new activity.

SMART Development Study Committee:

Gary Steinman reported that the four member team has exhausted the data at Steep Rock pertaining to the Shepaug. The committee is contacting people who collected data on the Shepaug for any additional information.

A debate over developing a prototype for various types of smaller scale housing ensued and subsequently investigating to see if the prototypes fell within existing regulations.

Roxbury is looking into Senior Housing that is not federally funded to allow for more diversity and to assist Roxbury residents.

Roxbury Station:

The Conservation Commission supports the preservation of the station.

Commission Website:

David Wolfe will follow up with Jean.

Land Use Commission Chairs' Meeting:

GIS mapping is probably going to be done but a concern over having minimal resources available to keep the mapping updated was expressed by Hugh Rawson. David Wolfe wanted to know the extent of the detail that would be provided.

Much of the Chairs' meeting was spent discussing enforcement of existing regulations. Currently, most problems are discovered after the fact and enforcement is "hit or miss". New enforcement should be more regular and stringent. The Conservation Commission felt that a six month amnesty to correct violations is a topic to be further examined.

Motion:

By: Cathy Masi

Second: Hugh Rawson

Vote: All in favor

Text: For Gary Steinman to compose a letter stating the Commission's support position.

POCD 2009:

It was decided that the Conservation Commission will not respond to the draft as a commission but as individuals.

New Business:

2009 Schedule of Meetings:

Motion:

By: Hugh Rawson

Second: David Wolfe

Vote: All in favor

Text: The schedule to be approved as amended with the April meeting to be held on the 15th and the November meeting to be held on the 11th.

Election of Officers:

Motion:

By: Hugh Rawson

Second: David Wolfe

Vote: All in favor

Text: The present slate of officers continues for one more year.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Roxbury Town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Masi, Secretary

Note: The above minutes are not official until approved by the Commission members at the next meeting.