

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tracey Sarefield, chair, Mike Donnelly, Harry Karis, John Koutonen, David Streb, John Cordio (6)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Smith, Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. at 900 Fisher Rd. parcel.

Purpose of meeting was site walk and continued public hearing at site of proposed new driveway & dwelling. Present: Thea Durling, applicant, Chris McKenzie, Whitman & Bingham Assocs., Matt Marro, wetlands consultant.

Hearing re-opened.

Chris pointed out the staked-out location of proposed dwelling & the upgradient wetland. Septic will be in adjacent field down the slope. He pointed out test pits where water has been flowing from due to high groundwater.

Tim pointed out potential for groundwater from wetland flow towards house location. Shallow ledge in area does not allow much infiltration.

Tim in general agreement with delineation. There is wetland vegetation in other locations but not enough area to be in the Commission's jurisdiction.

Motion made & seconded to close hearing. Vote in favor.

Motion made & seconded to issue Order to Conditions with standard conditions. Vote in favor.

Commission members then proceeded to nearby parcel to the west on Fisher Rd. owned by Matt Fournier that they had walked on Tues. 2/28. Jamie Rheault, Whitman & Bingham Assocs. & Matt Fournier present. Commission have voted to send an Enforcement Order. However, OOC for the proposed driveway had been issued last summer (#155-655).

Jamie had checked site earlier in day and reported that site is substantially in compliance w/ the approved plan. Fournier's site contractor is Ryan Smith.

Matt: Will stop work on site until property dries up more. Plans to install two culvert under driveway in June/July. No building permit for new dwelling yet, building plans aren't finished.

Agreed: Since item was not on agenda, no action could be taken that afternoon. Will be put on March 28th agenda where it can be discussed and Enforcement Order possibly rescinded.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting: 3/28/2017

Minutes approved: 3/28/2017