

Grantham Conservation Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2009

Chairman Dick Hocker called the meeting to order on August 17, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the Jerry Whitney Conference Room, Grantham Town Hall, and Route 10 South.

PRESENT:

Dick Hocker
Adele Furdyna
Pat Woolson
Merle Schotanus
Tom Vogel
Andy Eastman

ABSENT:

Jeremy Turner

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 17, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with modification on a motion by Merle Schotanus and a second by Pat Woolson.

New Business:

The Management plan for West Cove “B” condo Association, East Lake Condo Association and South Shore 1 Condo Association were reviewed individually and after considerable discussion on the timing of the plan submission (Town Received on Friday 14 August and picked up on Monday 17 August and the advisability Grantham Conservation Commission involvement in what could be perceived as a ECA task, the GCC voted to approved the plans of the 3 Condo Associations pending an acceptable site visits by Tom Vogel and Dick Hocker. The site visits were completed on the morning of 24 August 2009. Letters of approval were sent on 27 August with copies to ECC. To resolve the timing issue associated with the Management plan submission, Tom agrees to prepare a revision to our protocol to address that issue for our next meeting.

Shoreline Protection Cutting plan, West Cove “C” Condo Association, Eastman—GCC reviewed the request to cut 4 trees near the condo units. After discussion the commission approved the cutting. These trees are a considerable distance from Eastman Lake and are too near to the condo units.

Shoreline Protection Cutting plan, David Miller, 16 Pioneer Point, Eastman—Dave Miller requested permission to cut a “diseased” maple (per Jon Fox) in close proximity to a condo unit but on his property at Pioneer Point. GCC approved the cutting. Request was made to Mr. Miller to view the tree once it has been cut.

Introduced from the Floor July meeting: Jeremy introduced two neighbors, Chris Traegde and Dexter Comeer, who proceeded to present some ideas for trails on the School Lot. These trails would be for foot traffic and trail bikes with the design and

execution by the gentlemen. Plans were discussed more fully at the August meeting. GCC agreed that the planning effort should continue with detailed plans to be presented at the October meeting.

Other Business:

Eastman Charitable Foundation:

_Scheduled for October 11, 4-7 at Eastman South Cove with Springfield, Enfield and Grantham Conservation Commissions present. The theme will be “Conserving Wetlands and Land Resources in the surrounding towns, Tools for success”. Planning session to be held on 8 Sept at South Cove

Springfield-Grantham Conservation Commission Collaboration—Pat has met with the Springfield Commission and exchanged viewpoints on emphasis of efforts.

State Conservation Committee Grant: Rollout- Discussed current status. Merle suggested that we revisit the summary prepared by Adele as a source of direction for our activities.

Planning for Conservation:

Smith Lot—Baseline document available from UPVT. On a motion by Merle and seconded by Pat and approved by the GCC, an amount of \$50 was appropriated to pay Jeremy for the paint used to mark the Smith Lot.

Heath Lane Lot: A contract has been entered into with Stephen Lagasse to complete an appraisal for tax map lots 234-125 and 234-137. Due date is late August. (received 9 Sept) Andy indicated that he is continued working to develop the recreation potential of the Heath Lane property. A briefing to the Eastman Recreation Committee is scheduled for 10 Sept. to garner their support for our effort to conserve the land.

Romano Tract: No new developments

Frog Pond: No new developments- ECA GM to return to duty on 17 Aug. Chair will follow up on status.

Stevens Institute: No developments

Management Plans

Tom discussed his latest activities with the Eastman Condo Associations on the requirements for Management Plans. Issues of misinterpretation of the Shoreland requirements are being resolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn by Andy Eastman and seconded by Pat Woolson.
The time of adjournment was 8:50 P.M.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at **7:00 p.m. on Sept 21, 2009** in the Jerry Whitney Memorial conference room, Town Hall.