

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

June 27, 2006

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Patricia Durfee, Patrick Phear, Tara Whiting, Peter Rodegast, Debra Swanson and Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Attorney George Brush and George Sourati of Sourati Engineering Group

Approval of the minutes of the June 13, 2006 meeting was tabled to the next meeting.

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Hearings

Map 35 Lot 1 – Continuation of the public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Sourati Engineering Group on behalf of John Rosenmiller for a project at 70 Pond View Farm Road owned by Janice Manter. The applicant seeks permission to perform the following activities: cut and maintain the 100 ft buffer zone up to a 10 ft wide buffer strip to be established along a bordering vegetated wetland and Muddy Cove; cut and maintain the vegetation over 36" tall within the 10' wide buffer strip; cut and maintain a path through the 10' wide buffer strip to the dam; cut and maintain vegetation on the dam between Muddy Cove and the pond; cut and maintain vegetation between the east side of the pond and the property line; cut and maintain vegetation up to 5' around the existing high bush blueberry bushes within the bordering vegetated wetland; cut and maintain two four-foot wide paths through the 10' wide buffer strip to the edge of Muddy Cove south of the dam; construct and maintain two sections of livestock fencing and maintain a 6' wide path for livestock access to the pond.

George Brush and George Sourati were present to discuss the project. Prudy reopened the hearing. George Sourati submitted a revised plan based on the discussion of the project at the June 13th meeting. Doug Cooper has reflagged the wetlands. In some spots the wetland edge is one foot from Muddy Cove. The plan now shows the 25-foot wide vegetated buffer.

George Brush asked that the area to be mowed and maintained around the blueberry bushes be 3 feet as measured from the outside of the canopy instead the 2 feet discussed at the last meeting. The maintenance in terms of the frequency and height of mowing the remaining 75 feet of the Buffer Zone was discussed. (This activity is reviewable by the Commission under the Bylaw.) George Brush said that the reason the upland is so severely cut is to control rodents and poison ivy. It was agreed that this area would not be mowed to less than four inches and not more than 4 times a year so that vegetation on the slope will aid in slowing down runoff.

The area around the blueberry bushes will be maintained by hand using either weed whacker or push mower.

The draft conditions were reviewed. The paths will be located in the field as the topography dictates and laid out so that the initial cut will be on the diagonal and then meander to the pond. The path for the livestock

to access the pond will be cut on the diagonal. The paths, gate and fencing will be shown on an "as built" plan to be submitted to the Commission once the work is completed in the field.

A site visit will be conducted during the summer of 2007 to view how the conditions established under the Order are working.

The area around the dam and on the causeway will be maintained to a height of no less than 4 inches.

Attorney Brush told the Commission that Mr. Rosenmiller has purchased the property and that Skip Manter will continue as caretaker and agent for Mr. Rosenmiller.

Maria reported that DEP has still not issued a file number nor has the review letter from NHESP been received.

With the agreement of the applicant's attorney, a motion was made to continue the hearing to July 11th at 5:10 PM. George Sourati will revise the plan as discussed. Maria will redraft the special conditions as discussed. The motion to continue was seconded and the vote in favor unanimous.

New Business

Map 32 Lots 131

Tara Whiting told the Commission that the owners around Parsonage Pond are considering filing a Notice of Intent to perform an herbicide application to control the aquatic weeds in the pond.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED