



Town of Avon Conservation Commission

**Thursday, October 6, 2011
Meeting**

Members Present: Chairman; Dave Young, Vice-Chairman; Kevin Mooney and Kerin Metcalf; Landis Hershey; Conservation Agent.

Others Present: George Mello, Tibbetts Engineering; Susan Spratt, Tibbetts Engineering; John Condon, 157 Pond St; Susan Kelly, 157 Pond St; Sandra Eldeb, 46 Pond St; Barbara Littlefield, 67 Pond St; Andrea Venisky, 54 Pond St; Charles Littlefield, 67 Pond St; Debbie Greene, 110 Pond St; Carol Marinelli, 36 Pond St.

Brian McCarthy; RJ O'Connell, Tom DiCicco; RJ O'Connell, Andrew Daniels; 338 Howard St LLC, Tom Liddy, Lucas Environmental; Joseph Lalli; Avon Town Counsel

Chairman Young opened the meeting at 6:45pm.

Mr. Young welcomed the new Conservation Agent; Landis Hershey.

Mr. Metcalf motioned to approve the August 18, 2011 minutes, Mr. Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Recess until 7:00pm.

Reopened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Mr. Young read the Moneysaver posting from 9/28/11 for Tibbetts Engineering in regards to the Pond Street Project.

Ms. Spratt explained that they would like to amend the original Order of Conditions issued on July 31, 2011, to replace over looked headwalls to bring them up to grade of the sidewalk. At the corner of Walnut Terrace they are looking to install a new headwall, remove a tree to gain access to the area, install guardrails, replace some 12" piping and the retaining wall.

Mr. Young questioned if they would be installing a fence for pedestrian safety since now it is 7' above grade.

Ms. Spratt agreed that they should put something there. At the headwall on the opposite side of the street

Ms. Spratt then explained that the headwall across the street is in fair condition and is currently 4' below grade. They will leave the headwall in place and add a new headwall approximately 5 linear feet east of its current location and the existing stonewalls located on both sides of the new headwall will be rebuilt to meet the proposed grading coming to a 2:1 slope. A steel guardrail will be installed along the sidewalk.

Mr. Young questioned if they were planning on removing the tree that might be obstructed the flow of water.

Mr. Mello did not believe they would, put if it is what the Commission wants they will.

Mr. Mooney stated that removing the tree may cause erosion and he would do a site visit to make that determination at a later time.

Mr. Mello stated that the Town had asked Tibbetts Engineering to remove the yard debris from the stream.

Mr. Mooney agreed this would need to be done by hand and being properly disposed.

Ms. Spratt stated that excavation and addition of crushed stone would have to be done for preparation of the new headwalls. Also they will need to replace some of the 18" piping, which their equipment will then be infringing on the wetlands.

Mr. Young questioned how far they were going down Malley Ave.

Mr. Mello stated that they are not going as far down as originally planned, but now with the drain line replaced the basins needs to be cleaned out and they will put silt socks around the basin.

Mr. Mooney requests that Tibbetts gets the Commission a schedule when the silk socks will be installed.

Mr. Mello said he would be talking to the company after the meeting and would have the Commission cc'd on the schedule.

Ms. Littlefield of 67 Pond St, brought up the fact that she does not want to see a steel guardrail next door to her house, if they could put in the wooden ones it would be more appealing.

Mr. Mooney reminded the residents that had come to the hearing that it is in regards to the wetlands only and the Commission does not have say in the type of guardrails that are installed or where they will be located other than around the wetlands. They would need to discuss that with the Selectmen.

Ms. Hershey questioned the length of time it would take for the replacement of the headwalls.

Mr. Mello stated that the one next to walnut Terrace would take an estimate of 3 days to complete and the one across the street an estimate of 1.5 days.

Mr. Mooney motioned to approve the Amended Order of Conditions for the Pond St project for the Town of Avon.

1. Include the installation of the headwalls and modification to the retaining walls.
2. Include the cleaning and removal of yard waste and debris from the channels to be done by hand.

3. To use a larger size sediment mat for a higher flow volume than estimated.
Ms. Metcalf seconded the motion. Voted 2-0-1 with Mr. Young abstaining from the vote.
The meeting with 330 Howard St was now open.

Mr. Mooney asked Mr. Daniels how things were going with the other departments.

Mr. Daniels stated that they have been granted 2 special permits from the Planning Board, but have not seen what the conditions are yet. There has not been any communications with the Water Department since the walk through. The Building Inspector has not released the Cease and Desist yet, but could be waiting for the Special Permits to officially be issued.

Mr. Mooney drafted an Enforcement Order; he will read and review for any changes. (*see attached*)

Under #2. It should state “filing in 3700 sq ft of Wetlands Resources”

The Wetlands Mitigation Plan date needs to be changed from June 30, 2011 to September 22, 2011.

Under Order, at the end of the paragraph it should state additional orders, see Attachment A.

On the Attachment

Mr. Daniels questioned the \$200,000 performance bond on # 9.

Mr. Mooney explained if they have an estimate he would be happy to take that figure plus 20% for contingency and another 20% for a consultant to oversee the work.

Mr. Daniels noted that with #10 they would like to be informed prior to hiring a consultant.

Mr. Mooney stated he needed to add an #11

11. The cost of the Conservation Agent at \$40 per hour for onsite inspections or reviewing of information would be the responsibility of 330 Howard St, LLC.

Mr. Daniels stated that it looked acceptable to him but he will run it by Mr. Howe.

Mr. Mooney state he will make the few changes and email it to Ms. Velazquez to email out to everyone. And that they should check with the Water Department.

Tentatively schedule the next meeting with 330 Howard St, LLC for October 20th, 2011 6:30 pm.

Ms. Metcalf motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm, Mr. Mooney seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by