

**STOCKBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, 9 October 2018**  
**Town Offices Meeting Room, 7:00pm, Stockbridge, MA**

Present: Ron Brouker [presiding], Joe DeGiorgis, Tom LaBelle, Patrick White, Sally Underwood-Miller.

Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 25 September 2018. Patrick White seconded. Unanimous.

The Request for Certificate of Compliance for Daniel and Carole Burack, 27 Mahkeenac Terrace (Map 205, Lot 43. DEP # 296-0442) is still continued pending additional information.

The Request for Certificate of Compliance for Bernard Haan, 16 Beachwood Drive. (Map 104, Lot 102. DEP#296-0457) (Creative Building Solutions) is also continued pending additional information.

Marc Fadding appeared for Mahkeenac Terrace Request for Determination with plans and descriptions as to how the fence would be removed. There will be no stump pulling and the concrete base for the fence will be left in place. Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to accept the plans and close the hearing. Patrick White seconded. Unanimous.

Marc Levasseur of Foresight Land Services presented the Bundled Notice of Intent for the Town of Stockbridge for maintenance and resurfacing various roads. (DEP #296-0475) Commissioners questioned the practices of the Highway Department regarding the spread of invasive species. It was suggested that there is training available from Baystate Consulting for Highway departments to become more aware of how the spread can be prevented. Commissioners would also like to see formal field delineations of sensitive areas. Sally Underwood-Miller made a motion to continue the hearing pending the receipt of new plans and additional information. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Nick Anderson of Berkshire Engineering presented the Notice of Intent for the Town of Stockbridge, 1 West Stockbridge Road. (Map 219, Lot 17) The proposal is to demolish/reconstruct the Town Highway Garage and rebuild the driveway. It was agreed that the probable vernal pool will be incorporated into the plans, demarcation markers and protections put in place. Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to accept the revised plans and close the hearing. Tom LaBelle seconded. Joe DeGiorgis abstained. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Joe DeGiorgis recused himself from the deliberation on the Notice of Intent for the Town of Stockbridge, Shamrock Street. (DEP #296-0477) The proposal is for a culvert replacement. Nick Anderson of Berkshire Engineering presented the revised plans to dewater using a temporary coffer dam. The wetland above will not be drained. The bed of the culvert will be gravel with granite curbing across the bottom. Plantings will be installed along the gabion wall. This project will be an enhancement of the habitat. Tom LaBelle made the motion to accept the proposal pending the receipt of revised plans and close the hearing. Patrick White seconded. Unanimous.

Bob Fournier of SK Design presented the revised plans for SMA Request for Determination of Applicability for the Kripalu Center, 57 Interlaken Road. (Map 202, Lot 17) The proposal is for the construction of a new salt shed. The shed will be placed on blocks, elevating the floor 6" above the ground to prevent leaching of the salt into the surrounding area. There will be a crushed stone flash pad. Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to accept the proposal pending the receipt of the updated plans and to close the hearing. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Jess Murray Toro of Native Habitat Restoration along with Shelby Marshall presented the Notice of Intent for the Laurel Hill Association, West Stockbridge Road. (Map 219 / 220, Lots 18.5, 44, 44.2, 44.3 48 DEP# 296-0479) The proposal is for the removal of 10.6 acres invasive species phragmites using foliar spray. They have obtained a new 3-year grant for the project which can be expanded to 5 years depending on how successful the treatment is. Commissioners all expressed concern regarding the use of chemicals and were assured that this is the best known method to protect the 9 at-risk species that populate the area. With reservations, Joe DeGiorgis made the motion to accept the proposed plan and close the hearing. Sally Underwood-Miller seconded, stating that her faith in Ms. Toro's ethics and knowledge overrode her opposition to the proposed use of chemicals. Tom LaBelle opposed the project, stating that the increasing use of chemical treatment will ultimately prove detrimental. Motion carried. 4-1-0

Nick Anderson presented the Notice of Intent for the Town of Stockbridge, Willard Hill Road. (Map 211/ 212, Lots 1, 35 / 62, 79. DEP #296-0480) The plan is to repair and replace drainage, the retaining wall and headwall and reconstruct roadway. The plan is to remove through milling @ 12" of accumulated road material and regrade. There will be additional treatment of the runoff via a deep sump basin. Abutters Phyllis Wales Grunier, Kathleen Wales Vincent, Dave Vincent, Jr. and Stephen Grunier testified that the waterflow as presented on the plans is inaccurate. Ron Brouker made a motion to continue the hearing so that this new testimony might be reviewed, the narrative corrected and reflected in revised plans. Tom LaBelle seconded. Unanimous.

Tom LaBelle made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 9:20. Joe DeGiorgis seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary/Member