

Montague Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2013 – 6:30 pm

Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Commissioners Present: Sean Werle, Mark Fairbrother, Deb Picking, Donna Francis

Commissioners Absent: Justin Ferman, Addie Holland

Staff Present: Walter Ramsey- Agent

Also Present: John Reynolds-resident

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

No minutes were approved. No public meetings or hearing were scheduled.

Agent Report and Correspondance:

- Walter read an open invitation to for Commissioners to participate in MCTV's Government Access Video Program.
- DEP File 200-230 South Street Bridge (Sawmill River)- Consent Order Update

The Town has selected a consultant to prepare a restoration plan, per the order. Agent mailed a request access to private property of affected landowner Suzanne Kretzenger. The commission reviewed the request, which has not received a response. John Reynolds was present to ask for better communication between the Town and Suzanne Kretzenger. The Commission requested that Sean W. review a second request for access. Agent will attempt to connect via phone with the owner prior to sending a second letter.

- DEP File 200-202 Spaulding Brook Fish Passage- Project planning, possible funding
Walter R reported that this project is on hold for the time being. Issue was not discussed.
- The Commission took time to review proposed regulatory changes by the Mass Department of Environmental Protection, particularly in relation to 310 CMR 10.00 (Wetlands Regulations) 310 CMR 9.00 (Waterways Regulations) and 314 CMR 9.00- (Water Quality Certification Regulations). The Commission selected not to offer any formal comments to DEP, except the commission wondered what body issues a general permit under the proposed changes. Walter will consult with DEP.

Motion made by Sean W. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Donna F. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 PM

Approved by: _____ Date: _____