

Belmont Conservation Commission Meeting
January 18, 2006
6:30 pm Room 13 Homer Building

APPROVED

Attendees: M. Weil, N. Davis, C. McVay, M. Moore, S. Sanders, and M. Velie

40B O'Neill Proposal – Discussed the drafting of the Conservation Commission's comments on the proposal and the fact that comments are due to the ZBA on February 9, 2006. Agreed that the comments should outline our major concerns, as well as address the "Guidelines for 40B Proposals", and the CC letter to the selectmen on O'Neills previous proposal (condo's).

Wetlands Bylaw

Discussed the chart comparing the Wetlands Protect Act to the Bylaw. Including:

- Values – the added values; "recreation" and "historic, natural, and scenic character".
- Intermittent Streams – discussed the additional protection for intermittent streams, 200' of Riverfront. Noted that MACC recommends this. Sanders recommend that we walk these streams every two years. Discussed the fact that upstream protections will protect downstream from flooding.
- Filing Fee – there will be additional filing fees.
- Exemption for maintenance of agriculture
- Increased notification of abutters from 100' to 300'. It was noted that this is from the MACC model.
- Ponds of any size
- Wildlife – noted that survey of existing wildlife may be required
- Flood and FEMA data, and
- Security.

Discussed the powerpoint presentation, and the logistics of the presentation. Discussed the need to get support from the Office of Community Development.

Motion was made that the Con Com support the December 19, 2005 draft of the Wetlands Bylaw and the subsequent work necessary to interact with and educate the public on the issues involved. The motion was seconded and approved.

It was noted that the bylaw subcommittee is on the agenda for February 6th with the selectmen.