

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF JULY 22, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Art Christian, Chairman  
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman  
Ray Wilcox  
Norm John Noble  
Pat Reilly  
Andy Krar

**CONSULTANT:** Keith Morris

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7: 00 P.M.**

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda.

**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:**

**Reappointed Commissioners**

Prior to the start of the meeting Town Clerk George Beiter was present and swore in Commissioners Norm John Noble and Ray Wilcox.

**PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Park Superintendents Tom Drakeley and his wife Maryfran presented their report to the Commission. The pavilion is booked through November. A movie crew was filming at the Park until approximately 1:00 A.M. this morning. Tom discussed the upcoming chapel project. The bocce court has been completed and he has received numerous compliments on the exercise track completed as part of an Eagle Scout project. A discussion followed on the proposed dam project with the Town Engineer.

**INFORMAL DISCUSSION:**

**Suffield Neighbors - Sunrise Park**

Amy Reay addressed the Commission regarding Sunrise Park. She then introduced Nancy Gegesky to go into detail on some of the ideas/issues that they have with the Park. Issues included out of Town people utilizing the Park, inappropriate behavior at the beach, and smoking on Park grounds. A lengthy discussion followed on these

and other issues. After discussion, it was decided that the Commission shall look into the current policies and discuss updating those that need updating.

**Town Engineer: - Parking Lot – Phelps Road**

Town Engineer Gerry Turbet presented his plan to the Commission for the construction of a 37 car parking lot on the south side of Phelps road east of the bike trail. The land was sold by Griffin Land and put into farmland preservation with this parcel reserved for a bike trail parking lot. There are no wetlands on or near the site. After discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to allow the plan to be approved under administrative approval. The plan is complete and has adequate soil and erosion controls. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT:**

**Permit # 1581 – Lot 4 – Canal Street**

Tim Coons of J. R. Russo & Associates LLC was present with contractor Mark Spazzarini of Spazzarini Construction. Mr. Coons presented his revised plan to the Commission. They are proposing to move the house on Lot 4 approximately 18' into the upland review area into land that would have been disturbed anyway for grading and the proposed driveway. The purpose of moving the house is so that the potential buyer will not have to look into the back yard of the adjacent house. A lengthy discussion followed. After discussion, Vice Chairman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to deny the request for relocation of the house on lot 4 because the new location would be within the 50' upland review area, which is typically not allowed by the Commission. The motion was made and carried, 5:1 with Commissioner Krar opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on violation on Austin Street. The Army Corps of Engineers has conducted their site inspection and are now scheduling test pits to be conducted on site to determine the extent of the violation. A discussion followed. Consultant Morris shall update the Commission at their August meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 27, 2014**

Commissioner Noble made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Reilly seconded the motion, which was made and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Noble made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary