

# Montague Conservation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Deb Picking, Donna Francis, Addie Holland, Sean Werle.

Walter Ramsey – Montague Town Planner/Conservation Agent.

### **Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2010, September 9, 2010**

Motion to approve August 12, 2010 minutes by Addie, second by Sean 4-0-1, Deb abstained

Motion to approve September 9, 2010 minutes by Sean, second by Donna 4-0-1, Deb abstained.

### **Discussion:**

Franklin County Conservation District grant: Deborah Shriver

Ms. Shriver gave a brief review of the history of the Sawmill River assessment. The Conservation District has received a S319 grant from EPA/DEP to redirect the channel of a section of the Sawmill River just downstream from Route 63 in Montague Center into a historic route that will hopefully slow the river down and ease impacts on the adjacent road. The Conservation District will be in to meet with the Commission again as the project progresses.

### **RDA #2010-03 by Buddy McCord and Patrick Currie**

Request to build a 7'x10' storage shed within 12 ft of the buffer zone. The property is located at Camp Road, Site 6E, Turners Falls, MA and identified as Assessors Map 17, Lot 34.

Mr. Currie was in and reviewed the project with the Commission. First Light, the actual property owner, has given Currie/McCord permission to build the shed, but wanted them to go through the commission for WPA permission. Motion by Sean to issue a negative determination via Form 2, Negative #2, second by Deb. All were in favor.

### **NOI #2010-01 by Paul Distefano**

Proposed construction of a 24 ft x 24 ft addition to an existing single family house. Proposed addition falls within the Outer Riparian zone of the Riverfront area of the Saw Mill River and is within the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species protected area. The property is located at 53 Center Street, Montague MA. identified as Assessors Map 44, Lots 52 and 79.

The contractor was present, as was Sam Lovejoy for MA Fish and Wildlife.

Christian Boysen of Land Solutions was in representing the Distefanos (also present). Mr. Boysen went over the proposed project with the Commission. Contractors were present. Garage will have 3 FEMA-approved break-away vents per specs to allow the garage to flood if conditions require. Amount of compensatory storage will go up with the project. Septic system was discussed along with the number of bedrooms present. Natural Heritage issued negative determination. Discussion of storage of hazardous materials in garage. Discussion of 100' corridor as required in regs. Should some of lawn be allowed to return to natural conditions. There was a site visit attended by MF, SW, WR, AH, CB.

Motion to approve SOC with the four special conditions listed below by Addie, second by Donna. All were in favor.

- (1) Vents must be FEMA approved for flood conditions and kept in good working order.
- (2) 100' corridor from MHW stream must not be mowed and allowed to return to natural conditions along inner riparian zone of the Sawmill River.
- (3) Right of way to existing barn in the rear of the property.
- (4) Hazardous and/or volatile materials in garage must be stored in tightly sealed containers at all times.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM by Donna, seconded by Addie, all present voted in favor.

Next scheduled meeting: November 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_