

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Monterey, Massachusetts

Minutes from Regular Conservation Commission meeting.

MEETING: July 8, 2002

Present: Chris Blair, Chair, David Logan, Rick Andrus, David Dempsey, Tim Lovett, Bonnie Jurgenson, Clerk

Lake Garfield Association

Pat Edelstein (Lake Garfield Asso.) was present to discuss the Purple Loosestrife problem in Brewer Pond:

1. Invasive in nature
2. No natural enemies
3. Tough netting of roots prohibit amphibians from getting to the shoreline
4. Each plant sews approximately 2 million seeds
5. Not nourishing to wildlife
6. Potential to turn a small pond into wetlands
7. Potential to block outflows

The Association is seeking permission to remove all presence of this flower by covering the flower head with heavy duty black bags, then digging the plant up by the roots.

The Commission suggested they use the black bags, cut off the flower, then during drawdown remove the stalks. It was indicated they were easily identified – Later in the evening the Association met with the Select Board to see if the Highway Dept. could be responsible for the removal. The Commission gave the go-ahead for the placement of the black bags over the flower heads to prevent the spreading of seeds, with no further work performed without a filing.

Gould Farm - 100 Gould Road – RDA B2A

Present, Rob Hoogs, Foresight; Cate Tower, Director of Gould Farm

Gould Farm is seeking an extension to the Determination of Applicability issued in 1999 for wetland delineation. Chris Blair visited the site earlier on July 8 to confirm the validity of the wetland delineation Under B2A, the Commission granted the Determination of Applicability indicating the wetland boundaries are still valid.

Marcus, Mitchell – RDA - 39 Bidwell Road N-3 Map 14, Lots 96, 97, 98

Represented by C. W. Nelson, applicant wishes to construct stone steps in a switchback fashion down the steep slope leading to Lake Garfield. Where the land flattens near the bottom, crushed stone will be installed. Silt fence will be used to protect the resource area. All disturbed areas will be seeded and mulched.

Dock Construction – Lake Garfield - Discussion

The Commission discussed the unpermitted dock and terrace construction around Lake Garfield, specifically off Bidwell Road. The Committee set up an Enforcement Committee to act on these complaints on a member-rotation basis.

Rochidieu, June – Bidwell Road – Enforcement Order

An Enforcement Order was issued (by C. Blair) to June Rochidieu for construction of a platform situated in the 40' setback of Lake Garfield. No building permit was issued, nor was there a filing with the conservation Commission for this work.

Abramowitz, Mark – 33 Harmon Road - Discussion

The board discussed the work that has been performed in relation to their Enforcement Order. A letter will be sent to Okerstrom-Lang regarding monitoring of the new plantings (attached), and a site inspection in 2003.

Scenic Mountain Act - Discussion

A Public Meeting has been set for Tuesday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Commission plans to be present at Lake Garfield Association's next meeting to discuss the permitting process.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Bonnie T. Jurgenson
Clerk, Conservation Commission