

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2011**

The January 25, 2010 regular meeting of the Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman Gary Meixner.

Attendance: Michael La Gue, Gary Meixner

Absent: Eric Evans, Shoshana Hantman, Dr. Edward Merker,  
James Moriarty, John Purcell

**Guests:** None

**Announcements:**

Board member Eric Evans emailed the C.B. Secretary to inform her that he would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

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**Announcements:**

Board member John Purcell emailed the C.B. Secretary to inform her that he would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

Board member Dr. Edward Merker emailed the C.B. Secretary to inform her that her would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

Board member James Moriarty emailed the C.B. Secretary to inform her that they would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

Board member Shoshana Hantman phoned Chairman Gary Meixner to inform him that she would not be able to attend the meeting tonight.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Meixner brought up the fact that there were too few members at the meeting tonight to approve the minutes and some discussion ensued.

Due to the fact that there was no quorum, the approval of the minutes of January 11, 2011 regular meeting of the Conservation Board was tabled until the February meeting.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis advised the Board members that she amended the January 11, 2011 minutes of the Conservation Board on pages 8 and 10 and provided them with a copy of the changes.

The Board members present at the meeting made no further changes to the minutes of January 11, 2011.

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**Old Business:**

**A) Guerrero/#213 Rte. 100/Update/Building Inspector/Principal Engineering Technician/Permit-driveway: (GM)**

The Conservation Board members are waiting to hear from the Principal Engineering Technician Steve Woelfle regarding the State DOT granting the permit for the driveway to the new garage.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis informed the Board that she spoke to Mr. Woelfle and he advised her that the permit from the State has not come through yet.

Board member Michael La Gue mentioned that in the recent Conservation Board Minutes that the applicant was considering building a stone wall across the newly created driveway if the State DOT does not approve the access for the driveway.

Some discussion ensued between Chairman Meixner and Board member La Gue with reference to this application and how the owner of the property would use the garage and driveway if the State does not allow the driveway access.

This item was tabled until the next Conservation Board meeting.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

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**Old Business:**

- B)** Town Board Referral/Request to convey paper road known as Lakeview Terrace to Jeanne Maloney dated November 19, 2010/C.B.  
Comment/Tabled waiting for additional information:  
C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis noted that she did not get any more information from the Engineering office or the Town Board regarding the above Town Board referral of Lakeview Terrace.

Ms. Davis explained that the Conservation Board is waiting to submit their comment when further information is obtained regarding neighboring properties, etc. This was determined after Town Planner Hull wrote a memo to the Planning Board regarding this application.

At the last meeting the Conservation Board agreed with Town Planner Hull that more information was needed on the proposed activity for the paper road with regards to the neighboring properties.

Also, Ms. Davis noted that Board member John Purcell did a report on the property along with photos of the existing landscape and area surrounding the paper road at the last meeting (for the benefit of the Board members who did not go out and look at the site).

Chairman Meixner tabled discussion of the Town Board referral until the next Board meeting.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

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**Old Business:**

- C) New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC/AT&T/Santaroni/Homeland Towers Site Plan/Planning Board; Photographic Documentation – Proposed Homeland Towers, LLC Wireless Telecommunications Facility; Balloon Test/Final Visual Analysis dated December 20, 2010, Prepared by Snyder & Snyder, LLP, (#2580 Rte. 35)/(Draft Memo/#11-07):  
C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis informed the Board that the C.B. packet included a draft memo written by the Board regarding this application. She explained that she was asked by Chairman Meixner to compose a draft memo (#11-07) for this application to be discussed at this meeting.

Ms. Davis said that she did not know if they wanted her to submit the memo to the Planning Board or wait until the next meeting.

Board member La Gue noted that it was for the balloon test and was wondering if it had been sent out, but apparently it had not.

Ms. Davis advised that she had been asked to make the memo a draft so she had not submitted it to the Planning Board.

Mr. La Gue said that the memo merely addressed what was discussed at the last meeting and it had to do with taking the pictures from different perspectives (including Lasdon Park).

Chairman Meixner and Board member La Gue thought that it would be all right to submit the memo as the Board members had already discussed the contents at the last meeting and they were in agreement. They felt there was no reason to hold it up for any length of time as it merely reflected the discussion that took place at the meeting.

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**Old Business:**

**C) New Cingular Wireless/Santaroni:**

Ms. Davis asked Chairman Meixner if she should send the draft memo that was prepared for this meeting.

After some discussion on the matter between Board member La Gue and Chairman Meixner it was agreed that the draft memo could be sent to the Planning Board.

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A memo (#11-07) will be sent to the Planning Board stating that the Conservation Board reviewed the above Planning Board application for New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC/AT&T; Homeland Towers site plan at their meeting on January 11 and January 25, 2011.

The Board members reviewed the materials submitted, performed a site inspection of the property and discussed the application among them.

The C.B. has the following concerns and recommendations:

- 1) Were there photographs taken from Lasdon Park?
- 2) Were there photographs taken from Wood Street?

The Conservation Board discussed this application and they recommend that photos should be taken from these two locations before making a determination.

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**Old Business:**

**C) New Cingular Wireless/Santaroni:**

The Board members took no further action at this time.

**New Business:**

**A) Somers Land Trust Annual Meeting will take place on January 30, 2011 at 2 PM (Sunday); OSC member Laretta Jones will be making a Power Point presentation on the History of Anglefly Preserve: (ML)**

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis asked if there would be anyone from the Board that would represent the Conservation Board at that meeting.

Ms. Davis noted that the Land Trust would be discussing the Anglefly Preserve and it would be a good idea for the Board to keep abreast of what is going on at the site.

Board member Michael La Gue said that he would like to attend the meeting and if he does he would report back to the Board.

Chairman Meixner said that other members of the Board might want to attend the meeting also, such as Dr. Merker. He thought that Dr. Merker might be interested in the Anglefly.

C.B. Secretary Ms. Davis mentioned that the meeting of the Land Trust would take place on Sunday, which may not be good for most people on the Board.

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**New Business:**

**A) Somers Land Trust/Anglefly:**

Mr. La Gue mentioned that he had volunteered his time at the Anglefly Preserve to do some work at the site (cutting trees) so that they could open a trail.

Some discussion took place between Chairman Meixner and Board member La Gue with reference to the Anglefly Preserve and the work that is being accomplished at the site.

The Board members took no further action at this time.

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There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 PM by Board member Michael La Gue and seconded by Chairman Gary Meixner. All members present approved.

The next regular meeting of the Conservation Board will be held at the Town House on February 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

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Subsequent Conservation Board meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held at the Town House on February 22, 2010 and March 8, 2010 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosetta Davis  
Secretary  
Conservation Board

Cc: Town Board  
Town Clerk  
Town Engineer  
Town Planner  
Planning Board  
Zoning Board  
Open Space Committee  
Architectural Review Board  
Landmark Committee