



# MONTAGUE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 17, 2011

6:30 PM

Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Justin Fermann

**Staff Present:** Walter Ramsey

Meeting called to order by Mark Fairbrother at 6:30 PM

***Motion** made by Deb Picking to accept the October 13, 2011 Conservation Commission minutes as presented. Seconded by, Addie Holland. Motion passes.*

1. **Certificate of Compliance- NOI #04-2006** by Kevin Cummings 110 Dry Hill Road, Montague MA (Map 45, Lot 31 & 32)

The project included the installation of a common drive with two culverts that cross intermittent streams. Walter visited the site recently and reported that all the culverts were installed in accordance with the OOC and that they appear to be well. Walter submitted photos to the file. He reported that the trap rock gravel drive is holding up well and shows no sign of wash-out. None of the house lots have been constructed.

***Motion** made by Sean Werle to issue the certificate of compliance for NOI #04-2006. Seconded by, Deb Picking. Motion passes*

2. **EC# 2011-02 Emergency Certificate** by Shao Kuo 408 Federal Street-Jiang Farm (Map 44, Lot 56) for bank restoration of Sawmill River following Hurricane Irene.

Walter reported that this project fell under emergency legislation subsequent to Hurricane Irene. In this case the Sawmill River broke its bank and flooded multiple acres of farmland. Ms. Kuo hired L+M Construction to restore bank to their pre-Irene conditions. Work was done with a single excavator and took one day. Sean Werle and others noted that the river had previously broken its bank in recent history in this location. Walter reported on his site inspection that it appeared that the bank reinforcement was restored to its previous conditions with no additional work beyond the scope of the emergency certificate was performed. Photos were submitted to the file.

***Motion** made by Sean Werle to ratify EC#2011-02 by Shao Kuo. Seconded by, Deb Picking. Motion passes*

3. **Forest Cutting Plan #2011-02** Red Fire Farm “East Farm” 184 Meadow Road, Montague, MA (Map 47, Lot 16) Ryan Voiland

The Commission reviewed the plan and did not offer comments to the Department of Conservation and Recreation Service Forester

4. **Forest Cutting Plan #2011-03** Red Fire Farm “West Farm” 172 Meadow Road, Montague, MA(Map 41, Lot 19) Ryan Voiland

The Commission reviewed the plan and did not offer comments to the Department of Conservation and Recreation Service Forester

5. **Executive Session.** Per Mass Gen. Laws. ch. 30A, § 11A ½ the Montague Conservation Commission entered into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding Boston and Maine Corporation.

***Motion** made by Addie Holland to adjourn the November 17, 2011 Conservation Commission Meeting. Seconded by Sean Werle. Motion passes.*

*Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM*

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