

Conservation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Degler
Larry Hamilton
Mercedes O'Donohue
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Angela Ficco
Dale Smith-Kenyon

STAFF PRESENT: None

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 6:04 pm. Please note that this meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; all votes will be recorded by roll call as a consequence.

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes.

Motion to approve as written J. Degler, seconded by L. Hamilton.

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

Motion Carries 5-0

- 2) **Public Comment**

No Public comments

- 3) **CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

- A. Wentworth Douglass Hospital, is seeking conditional use permit for a 1-mile long nature trail in the wetland buffer on a property located at 23 Works Way, in the Commercial Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 61 Lot 14B, CUP#08-2019

Applicant continues to work with DES to finalize plan.

L. Hamilton moves to continue the application; J Degler seconds

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

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4) **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Allocating funds to provide low flow shower heads to residents

L. Hamilton will investigate some

B. Any new business that may come before the Commission.

Sunningdale tree removal; the plans are to remove all trees between fairways. Residents had requested clarification and expressed concern about degree of tree removal.

Scott discussed a contact from Willand Pond association to discuss drought impacts on Willand Pond; they've requested our input as well.

L. Hamilton discussed a webinar regarding the flow of money from organizations devoted to water conservation. One of the items raised was the Mast Point Dam project.

C. OLD BUSINESS

A. New England cottontail program update

No update at this time

B. Frank Richardson trail sign at Mast Point Dam

One of the signs is up (at first trailhead); second sign will be placed by M. Bobinski, likely at split.

C. Wetland encroachment at former well parcel

Code enforcement has confirmed encroachment. City is looking at response options at this time.

D. MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

Mercedes will look into the costs for 10 hats in Hunter Orange embroidered for Conservation Commission members.

E. Update regarding the property at 53 Coles Pond Road

Sewage Disposal has cleared DES; now working on Purchase and Sales agreement. Manager Belmore is involved with this step. Meeting with Manager Belmore 9/17/2020 to update regarding grant rules and fund allocation plans.

F. Any other old business that may come before the Commission

A new planning director (Michelle Mears) has been hired and will join the city staff on 9/28/2020.

Treasurer's \$146,984 on hand. \$19.83 in interest was added, and a disbursement to Norway Plains of \$3,710, sour ending balance is \$143,293.83

L. Hamilton moves to adjourn, J. Degler seconds

Vote:

J. Degler: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

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S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

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Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary