

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 21, 2018

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Paul Carideo, Bill Guest, David Treat, Brent Ebner and Neil Reardon

Guests: Jim Lavallo, Lavelle Associates and Penny Williams (Tri Town News)

Meeting start time 7:00pm

Minutes

The minutes from January 17, 2018 were accepted with Tim making motion –P. Carideo abstained.

Ordinance Review

Tim gave an update of the discussion at deliberative session on the proposed ordinance. He noted that the Selectmen did not change their vote on the article and believed it would be the kiss of death on the article. He stated that if it was defeated, they would bring it back up next year and address the concerns the Selectmen have. Tim pointed out that the focus of the ordinance was towards the people being destructive to Conservation property not the general public. He also offered to explain to the Police Department what the intent of the ordinance was.

Spring Clean Up-

Tim asked if anyone had taken a look at the trails to see what may need to be worked on in the Spring. Brent reported that there was a small section that he was aware of but it is getting picked up. David stated that there was none to report on his end. Tim stated that he had been out today and saw some bike tracks in the mud. Brent stated that there is a local group that had reported that it was better to wait a few days for the area to harden up so that no damage would be done to the trails, but there are always some that don't abide by the requests.

Dredge and Fill Request-17-051

Mr. Lavelle presented the Merryfield Extension subdivision located as Map 17 lot 51 being developed by Ernest Brown Construction. He stated that there is an existing water line at Merryfield Lane and another one at the Four Seasons Condos. The Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) would like to connect the two lines as part of this development. There are two wetland crossings explained by Mr. Lavelle. One is the water line crossing and the other is a crossing at a driveway. The proposed plans show a culvert going over the driveway access which brought a concern to Paul that it was more permanent than temporary. He stated that there is a permanent gravel driveway which is why the culvert is needed. He felt that they

weren't minimizing the wetlands crossing at this point. Mr. Lavelle will talk with HAWC about this crossing.

The Commission was told that the wetlands are marked and they could walk on them. Tim agreed to walk the area this week and will sign the permit if there are no issues.

Planning Board Updates

Paul showed the Commission two plans that are going to be before the Planning Board in March. The first was the revised plans for Winchester Heights, Map 19 lot 09. The Commission noted that they were happy with the revisions that the developers made and that they listened to the concerns.

The second plan was for Camp Tel Noar, Map 8 lot 173 for a parking lot on the property located on Kent Farm Road. There was concern in the impervious surface and flow of the water.

Trail Mapping

Brent presented a draft report of the PHAT committee. He also showed the others a sample of what the sign would like (3 ½ by 3 ½ with the town's letter (P, H, or A) and location number. He said that they will have brass stainless steel rings and placed on a stand into the ground about 4 feet high. The signs can be cleaned if someone spray paints them. He also noted that it was suggested that they have a QR code at the kiosks. The estimate for signs is about \$10. He also went over the discussion on the proposals received from Neatline Associates and Mirto Art Studio. The committee (PHAT) was leaning towards Neatline Associates even though it would cost more. They believed they were more professional and already familiar with the Plaistow parcels. The cost would be a 45/45/10 split. The junction posts and kiosks would be charged to each town based on the number the town. Brent talked about also trying one in the East Hampstead site and see how it looks and if visible from the road. The problem there is there is no parking access.

Depot Road/Eversource Property

Tim stated that a realtor mentioned to the town office that Eversource is looking to dispose of a parcel of land on Depot Road. Tim was trying to get more information and will try to contact Eversource Real Estate Division directly.

Tim, made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm and Brent second the motion Vote 5-0

Next meeting is 03/21/2018