

**Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes of
June 19, 2019**

PRESENT: Paul Carideo, Tim Lovell, Neil Reardon, David Treat and Steve Ungerer.

GUEST: Hadley Road area neighbors

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion not to accept the meeting minutes of May 15, 2019, which will be reviewed at the next meeting. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resignation

Mr. Lovell read the resignation letter from Mr. Bill Guest and made a motion to accept the resignation with regret. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project

Casey Phelan was present to discuss his project. He is planning on rebuilding at least four benches Mr. Lovell mentioned another location off of Stage Road. He would like to start working on his project this summer but will need approval from the Troop leaders. The wood will be precut and then assembled in the woods. The rotten wood can be placed in the woods and wood with creosote can go to the dump.

Hadley Road

There was a discussion concerning “easement” vs “restriction”. For an easement there has to be a steward to conduct site walks, this property would have to be managed by a third party. Conservation would follow the terms of the “restriction”. When the deed is in the final stages it may be reviewed by others.

A resident from the Hadley Road area asked if their concerns, which had been mentioned at previous meetings will be considered. Mr. Lovell indicated that the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen would review the deed restrictions.

The Planning Board will not be looking at the Parking lot, it is not part of the application process. According to Ms. Grimm, both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief said that it is not a good idea to have the parking area off the road. During the Department Heads meeting the chiefs did not indicate that there was a problem with the location of the parking lot. While the Department Head’s meeting was not open to the public, the meeting minutes are available. Both of the chiefs were also at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting and did not speak in opposition of the parking lot. The police can patrol the area and the parking lot will be closed at dusk. Ms. Grimm said she wanted “nose-in” parking at the end of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Lovell said that 4-5 parking spaces would not be

sufficient. West Road parking has as many as 10 cars at a time. The Commission responded that the fire department, according to the chief won't be able to get its equipment around the cul-de-sac if parking is there. The Commission disagrees that people will be camping and doing drugs in the parking lot. It was reiterated that the police department will do a good job in patrolling the area.

There was a discussion about visibility and the topography of the area.

Mr. Ungerer said that the concerns are outweighed by the benefits of public access. The Plaistow and Atkinson parking areas are not suitable to gain access to the Hampstead parcels since the out-of-town parking is at least 2 miles away.

Ms. Grimm wants to sit down with the department heads to discuss this topic again. Mr. Lovell said that they went through the process already and a decision was made.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the language of the deed restrictions and compared that to the Noyes deed. Mr. Lovell will put together the final document with input of the other members. It will be sent to Town Counsel and discussed at the next meeting.

Main Road – Endicott pear tree

A resident of Main Street said that he has one of the oldest (1843) pear trees on record. It originates from the original Endicott pear that came to the United States in 1631. He is concerned because the property that abuts his is going to be developed and the property line goes right through the center of that tree. The resident was advised that nothing is before the planning board right now.

Mr. Reardon made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Treat. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on July 17th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault, AA Town of Hampstead