

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of
2/15/23

PRESENT: Tim Lovell, Karen Cozzens, Steve Ungerer, Neil Reardon, David Treat, Brent Ebner and Jim Wilkinson

Guest: Paul Schofield

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM .

Minutes: Mr. Lovell made motion to accept the minutes of 1/18/23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reardon, Vote: 5-0-2 (Messrs. Treat and Ebner abstained) Motion passes. No meeting was held in December.

Blowdowns from the wind

There have been a number of blowdowns from the recent windstorms, Mr. Ebner will take care of some of these.

Map updates

Mr. Wilkinson updated the Commission. Maps were available for two sections of Town. He took the section of Hampstead Hospital off of the maps. Since October, the East side trail map has been downloaded 35 times, West side 51 times and the 5K trail 25 times.

Mr. Wilkinson painted blazes for Collette's Mountain. He can release the map when it is completed. He would like to have the adjacent towns pay for some of the costs of the maps. In the future he would like to create a map for the Witcher Road area.

Invasives

Mr. Treat said that he is going to work on the remediation of the Burning Bush again this year and he is looking for help. It will be scheduled on July 8th and 15th from 8:00 AM to 2PM or 3 PM. A lot of progress was made last year. The cost will be the same. Mr. Reardon reiterated his concern for any ill effects the treatment might cause. Mr. Treat reassured him that there haven't been any reports showing adverse effects.

Site walk for Cameron Commons

Mr. Lovell was present at the site walk as was a soil scientist and engineer. The soil is very wet poorly drained soils. Mr. Lovell is not trying to stop the project but to have them build better foundations with a lot of stone and the septic systems to be perched. The driveway should be a concern too. Invasive Species are now on the parcel. Mr. Treat said that you have to look at the soils not the surface water, the soils won't change. The trees that were removed were taking in a lot of that water. The test pits were flooded with water. Mr. Reardon asked what the definition of a wetlands is. Mr. Treat responded that there are very specific definitions. Ms.

Cozzens said that as more impervious surface is created, there will be more water runoff and it appears that there will be some construction planned in the wet area.

An update was given on the current use funds for Endicott and Cameron Commons.

Stormwater Management Meeting

There was a recent SWM meeting and the Town is lucky to have Mr. Paul Carideo as a member. He is very knowledgeable. He spoke about the runoff on Stage Road. As the departments wash down their vehicles there should be a water retention area for the water and residue. IF the DPW does wash down the vehicles they will need this system, which would be very manageable.

Property

Mr. Lovell became aware of an individual who is interested in selling some property to the Conservation Commission which abuts conservation land and contains wetlands.

Other

Mr. Schofield is interested in cutting down some trees. He trims bowls and would like the wood. The Commission said that he taken down the wood as long as it isn't from live trees.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Ungerer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:40 PM

Next meeting 3/15/2023

Respectfully Submitted, Sally Theriault, Recording Secretary