

Conservation Commission Minutes April 8, 2021

Chairperson Deborah Bero opened the meeting at about 7:05 PM. She read the governor's notice allowing remote meetings during the Covid-19 emergency. Deborah Bero, Michael Perloff, Robert Kennedy, George Darrell, and Kirsten Poler were present. Catherine Scott joined the meeting later. The following agenda items and administrative items were discussed.

1. To review a Notice of Intent from *Kevin Szoke for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool, pool decking and fencing on an existing single-family house lot within the 50-Foot No-Disturb Area and 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at *10 Earle Kerr Road, Map 50, Parcel 150, on land owned by *him.

Paul McKechnie and Kevin Szoke appeared for the applicants and reviewed the Notice of Intent. There was discussion on tree planting for mitigation, spillage prevention, and construction procedures. Leslee Willitts was unavailable for comment. The hearing was continued, with the applicant's consent to obtain her comments. The Commission intended to issue an Order of Conditions immediately if there were no issues.

2. Discussion of Medfield Town Wide Master Plan Implementation Plan/Table (S. Raposa)

Sarah Raposa spoke on the scope and history of the plan. She described the implementation plan and the topics in which Conservation Commission input was wanted. The Conservation Commission agreed to participate. George Darrell and Deborah Bero emphasized the need for maintenance of town conservation properties.

3. Administrative Updates and Work Items

a. Update on Scenic Road Meeting

There was a report on the joint Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Historical Commission meeting on new scenic roads. The Conservation Commission supported all of the proposed scenic roads.

b. Update on Off Road Bicycle Use – Impacts on ConComm Properties – Cease and Desist Letter

A bike jump was constructed on Holmquist Conservation land. Users have been reported as not observing trail etiquette and not respecting pedestrians. The person who constructed the bike jump is known to the Commission. It was agreed to invite this person to a Commission meeting to discuss the removal of the bike jump.

c. Discussion of ConComm Warrant Article/Budget

There are no ConComm items on the Town Meeting warrant. Requested funding is the same as last year.

d. Update on OSRP (deadline for completion)

Acting Chair Deborah Bero wanted the report submitted to Nicholas Milano for review as soon as possible.

e. Update on Danielson Pond

Robert Kennedy gave an update on the current status of Danielson Pond repair and funding opportunities. Including a federal stimulus grants publicized by the Neponset River Watershed Association .

f. Tetra Tech Peer Review Consulting Contract.

ConComm approval of this contract is permitted. George Darrell will sign so that the project associated with this contract can proceed.

g. 10 Earl Kerr Road Notification

The Commission determined that a new published notification is needed for the continued hearing on this case, as summarized above.

There was no significant discussion or action taken on other administrative items.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM on a unanimous vote on a motion by George Darrell, seconded by Deborah Bero.