

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2020
HELD REMOTELY USING ZOOM

Present at the Zoom meeting were:

Chairman John Sullivan

Tim Holiner

Amey Moot

Sarah Monaco

Jim McLaughlin

Christy Violin

David Stapleton by phone

Also present was consultant to the Commission, Agent Janet Bowser

Discussion

Channing Pond, Mark Ghiloni, Dover Park and Recreation

Mark discussed the dredging of Channing Pond. He will look into State funding to help pay for the Pond Management company. He said Park and Rec will work with the Commission on the beaver issue.

Agent Bowser questioned the depth of the pond and said weeds could be hand pulled. Mark said the pond is 5 ft at the deepest point. He would welcome names of a few different pond management companies and he would request a cost estimate from each. The beaver dams are located in Trout Brook. Ownership of the area will be investigated.

Continued Enforcement Order Discussions

144-776, 57 Draper Rd., OOC expired 5/11/18 – E.O. tree cutting, Cheney Eng

Agent Bowser said a plan is due by July 10th. Update will be continued.

19 Pond St., E.O., site visit 5/29/20 – update

Present were homeowners Renat and Enrjeta Sadikov and Maureen Herald of Norse Environmental.

The Planting Plan was sent. Agent Bowser referred to her comment memo dated 7/3/20 and asked if the Commission is satisfied with 10 trees as replacement. Overall, the Agent is satisfied with the restoration plan with the condition of 2 year monitoring. She also listed other conditions in her memo including bounds, signage, progress reports, restoration as specified with the option of requiring additional plantings. The Commission asked if a 14" birch with a canopy is still remaining? The answer was yes, it is still there. Both the homeowner and Maureen confirmed the plan was completed by a Professional Land Surveyor. The Commission approved requiring concrete bounds, 4 x 4 and 18" above ground. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to accept the restoration plan presented by the homeowner and amend the EO to include Agent's 4 conditions.

144-736, Sipp, 48 Farm St., - EO, update

A letter went out to the homeowner by certified mail. Horses have not been observed recently in the paddock. Update will be continued.

7 Willow Street, violation letter sent - update

The office received an email from homeowners, Richard Giannani and Janet Comisky that wood chips were removed from the buffer. Agent Bowser observed wood chips were outside the buffer earlier today. She will confirm with a site visit.

Agent's Report – Charles River Climate Compact, Natick/Dover outreach and education re: removal/replacement of South Natick Dam

Agent Bowser updated the Commission on this collaborative effort with Natick to educate Dover residents about this project that will impact the Charles River. She said Natick is leaning toward removing the earthen dam. She said There is no cost to do this. She also said a grant will cover any costs incurred by Dover. Amey Moot said Paul Wood would be happy to be on the Committee. Sarah Monaco asked how Town of Natick feels about it. Agent Bowser said they are re-evaluating and Charles River Watershed Association is favoring removal.

Minutes – 4/29/20, 5/13/20

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve 4/29/20 minutes with revisions.

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Discussion Items

Special Conditions to Orders of Conditions – send highlighted copy to Commission for discussion

Conservation Property behind 46 Springdale Ave – “Perry Pastures” as suggested name

Conservation Dedham Street Property - Discussion of pollinator meadow. Christy Violin suggested – nativeplanttrust.org or New England Wetland Plants

Maintenance-Conservation Properties – Estimate from Mark Ammons, Hunnewell Farms on proposed upcoming maintenance work. Compile short list of current maintenance.

44 Wilsondale site visit – Agent Bowser visited the site and stated there is substantial unpermitted work within the buffer zone including a path through the wetlands.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Documents:

Agent Bowser comment memo dated 7/6/20, submitted 7/3/20.