

**TOWN OF WILBRAHAM**  
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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2019**

**Members present:** Chris Brown; Chairman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

**Staff:** Melissa Graves

**7:05 PM**

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Wilbraham Senior Center – 240 Springfield Street**

**Present:** Paula Dubord, Director of Elder Affairs and Dennis Lopota

In preparation for the possibility of constructing the Wilbraham Senior Center adjacent to the Wilbraham Town Hall, Ms. Dubord hired Stan Tenerowitz to locate and flag the wetlands on the site. Although the wetland line appeared to be located accurately by looking at the vegetation and surface of the ground, there were not any soil borings submitted by Mr. Tenerowitz to back up his findings. Without backup documentation, it is very difficult for the Commission to confirm his findings. With Ms. Dubord's permission, the Commission agreed to continue the meeting until June 10, 2019 to give Mr. Tenerowitz time to gather soil boring information from the site. In the meantime, several Commission members that have not been to the wetland location according to the site plan will walk the site prior to the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, continue the public meeting to June 10, 2019 at 7:05 PM

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Chris Brown, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

*Referenced Materials: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability and Site Plan labeled Existing Conditions-Springfield Street dated 3/22/2019*

**7:30 PM**

**Conservation Commission Member Stoughton Smead left the meeting to attend the Selectmens meeting temporarily. While Stoughton was in the other meeting, the remainder of the Commission walked outside to see the wetland flagging associated with the RDA filed by the Wilbraham Senior Center.**

**Appointment**

**Chicopee Four Rivers**

**Present:** James Emerson

Stoughton returned the meeting at approximately 7:40.

Mr. Emerson presented the new Blue Trails map to the Commission. The group has been creating the Blue Trail map for a couple of years and includes all the paddling opportunities available in the area. They also created signs that point folks to the launching areas for kayaking.

Chicopee Four Rivers also does water testing of Chicopee, The Swift, The Ware and The Quaboag River. The testing includes water temperature, pH, DO, and conductivity.

Objectives this year are to continue the water sampling and encourage passive recreation on local rivers and streams. Mr. Emerson and Chicopee Four Rivers is seeking sponsorship of \$440.00 from The Wilbraham Conservation Commission to continue this mission.

**Chicopee Four  
Rivers Continued**

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the amount of \$440.00 for water testing in the rivers located in Wilbraham

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Chris Brown, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

**Request for  
Extension of  
Order of Conditions**

**108 Crane Hill Road**

This item was postponed until the next meeting. There was not a legal voting quorum because this is Commission member Bill Danes house.

**Request for Public Event**

**Cup to Pint Run – Cedar Swamp**

Miraim Siegal and PJ Cambo are organizing a fun run beginning at the Village Store and through the White Cedar Swamp and it will ultimately end up at the Spec Pond Pavilion. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM (no rain date). Proceeds of this event will benefit the Wilbraham Commission on Disabilities.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the Cup to Pint event on June 8, 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Chris Brown, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

**Request for Public Event**

**Wilbraham Peach Blossom Festival – Bruer Pond**

Jennifer Powell is organizing a floating luminaria Festival of Hope and Healing at Bruer Pond on June 12, 2019 with a rain date of June 14, 2019. Proceeds of this event will benefit the Wilbraham Commission on Disabilities or a local disability group. Biodegradable floating candle boxes with soy candles would be placed in the pond and allowed to float during the ceremony. A temporary barrier will be placed near the pond outlet so the luminaries will not get out of the pond. All items will be picked up at the end of the event.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the Festival of Hope event on June 12, 2019 at Bruer Pond

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Chris Brown, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

**Request for Public Event**

**Crane Hill Disc Golf Club – Crane Hill Disc Golf Course/Crane Hill Road**

Davis Johnson requested permission to have the Senior Games at the Crane Hill Disc Golf Course on Saturday, June 15, 2019 (no rain date). He expects the event to attract approximately 30 players. The goal of the event is to promote exercise and friendly competition and will consist of 2 rounds of 18 holes.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the Senior Games Disc Golf event on June 15, 2019 at the Crane Hill Disc Golf Course

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**Unanimously in Favor:** Chris Brown, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

