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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2021

Members present via GoToMeeting #575101773 and being recorded: Bill Dane; Acting Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

- 7:00 PM Notice of Intent 555V Ridge Road**
This hearing has been continued from March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26 and May 17, 2021
Single Family Home
The Applicant requested a continuation to the last meeting in July.
Motion: Robert McMaster, continue the public hearing until July 26, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman
- 7:10 PM Appointment Jay Taylor and Matt Fraser**
Discussion included the construction of two replacement crossings on existing hiking trails. One would be located at the Oakland St Conservation Land and one would be on the Thayer Brook Conservation Land. The new crossings would replace unstable boards that are currently just placed on top of the ground and rocks. The crossing at Thayer Brook would be 16' long by 32" wide. And the one at Oakland Street would be 12' long by 32" wide. The cost would be approximately \$900. Mr. Fraser would be constructing the bridges with volunteer help. This item was tabled to the next meeting. No vote of the Commission took place.
- 7:30 PM Appointment Karen Merchant**
96V Lake Drive Land Donation
At the meeting of the Conservation Commission on January 25, 2021, the members present voted to accept the donation of land. A recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen to accept the land donation at that time. Ms. Merchant expressed the stipulation that the parcel be kept for conservation purposes only in perpetuity. In April, it was brought to the attention of the Commission that taxes were still owed on the parcel. In April, the Board of Selectmen did not make a recommendation to accept the land for a number of reasons including why make this piece of land conservation vs. municipal. They indicated that it may in a location that could potentially be utilized for a pump station or another municipal project. If the parcel in exclusively in Conservation status, that could never happen. At this point, the Commission asked Ms. Merchant, to reconsider the donation of land to be split between Conservation and Municipal land. Ms. Merchant indicated that she would look into that and meet with the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.

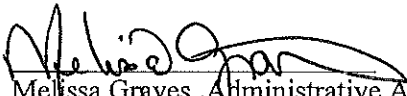
Other Business

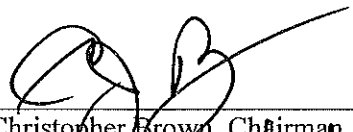
- Minutes: April 12, 2021 Tabled to the next scheduled meeting

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:03 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on June 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:


Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant
Date: 8/23/2021


Christopher Brown, Chairman
Date: 8/23/21