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Meeting Date: 23-10-26

Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Minutes Approved: 24-xx-xx

Members Present: Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Peter Coffin, Mike Ammendolia

Members Remote:

Members Absent: Susan Cahalan, Tim Aicardi

Recording: https://youtu.be/ajg2NM0bxjE?si=GXx_SgAfQcfTXU20

Others Present:

Others Remote: Jason Kuter in attendance. Jason is using the transcription feature inside of Teams to process meeting notes faster.

Quorum met at 7:02pm and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

Correspondence (postal, voicemail, and email)

- From Dave Bates of 5 Morrison Dr, about his OOC and brush clearing
- From Laura St. John-Dupuis, about the Annual License Renewal routing slips

Public Hearings begin at 7:15pm

None

Other Agenda Items (that are not Public Hearings)

Review status of hiring a new admin/agent. Someone will be starting Monday to create minutes by reviewing the older YouTube videos. There is an office space set up to transcribe the meeting minutes.

The Conservation Committee had a successful interview with a candidate who will go through the background check process and approval at the Board of Selectman meeting.

10 Old Taft Avenue

Discussion with Gregory Lambert regarding construction of a stone wall and work performed within the protected buffer zone of Lake Nipmuc, and take any action required. Chair Carl corresponded with Greg Lambert and Kendra, the site engineer. At some point in the future, they will submit the paperwork and send out the green cards for another hearing. A discussion about grandfathering the work that was already done was talked about. A public hearing will be held.

Lake Nipmuc Task Force

Hear the report from Bob Sweet, and take any action required.

Lake Nipmuc Water Level

Reviewed photos from Billy Palmer of 8 Kinsley Ln about high water on Lake Nipmuc, and take any action required. Committee member Bob reached out to other lake members who didn't see a change in the height of the lake water. Since no one else is seeing any significant height issues, there will be no action taken at this moment for trapping of beavers. Discussion around putting in a water pole to monitor the water level. Committee member Bob will work with Dan Byer to create a water level staff gauge and decide on a place for it to go to record the data.

Phragmites in Meadow Brook Woods

Water and Wetlands will not take any action now but will look for treatment next year during the Fall. The Committee will be meeting with Water and Wetlands during springtime. The Conservation Committee will go out and take pictures.

Sylvan Springs monitoring

Discuss site walk on Friday 10/20, and take any action required. Conservation Committee members met with Frances and went to look at areas of concern on the site. Chair Carl looked at the previous report and latest report and for some of the areas corrective action was taken. Desheng Wang talked about how the process is going. The site plan subdivision plans were shown with no major issues, moderate erosion channel on one of the new roads. Desheng is working on updating documentation with remediation (hydroseeding, lawns coming in). Schedule

another site walk with Con Comm for this Thursday or in 2 weeks. Chair Carl showed the issue tracker and explained the kind of things the Conservation Committee would be concerned with.

FEMA Flood Map Updates

Hear the report from Lea Whiting, and take any action required. Committee member Lea took the training and reported back to the Conservation Commission. She said that there was a focus on the Charles River Watershed. Lea sent the recorded session to the Committee Members.

Conservation Restriction activity

- Continue discussion with Mike Penko of Metacomet Land Trust about Conservation Restrictions, and take any action required
- Review CR report for 43 Quissett Rd and prepare for site visit Sunday 9am on 10/29. Discussion on baseline reports and would like the original reports for review.

90 Park Street

Kyle Raposso attending online, regarding closing out an Order of Conditions. Kyle sent the plan and permit information to ConComm and is following up. His single-family home is finished, and all the site work completed. Committee member Susan is not attending the meeting tonight. A sitework will be scheduled within the next two weeks and will generate the COC for the next meeting.

Review ConComm finances – check was deposited for 25.00 for a filing fee.

Training budget

Review of completed and upcoming classes

Bob talked about the class he was taking in executing NOI's, looking at wetlands, site visits and documentation, (pictures and notes). He said the class is very helpful.

Chair Carl talked about the class that he took regarding enforcement and CR's.

Building Permits

- COM-23-12 149 Uxbridge Rd – install fence between Royal Fireside and Lew's Lawnmower, on hold
- RESO-23-284 11 Colonial Dr – in-law addition, not jurisdictional
- COM-23-11 147 Hartford Ave East – new building construction, not jurisdictional

Motion to adjourn made by Peter seconded by Lea, passed unanimously, 08:43pm.
