



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 12/16/2015

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
CC: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Scott Heim, Tom Jango, Sandy Lajoie, Alan Miano and Marcella Stasa
Mary Overholt (Associate)

7:00 PM General Business/Active Items

MM – Motion to approve minutes from the 11/18/15 meetings – 2nd & approved. (MP abstained)

Website – AM completed survey for the new website; fixed some broken links and updated some info.

OSC – Working with Mike Ryan and Town Counsel to finalize the language for the Meadow Drive parcel. This transfer needs to be done by 12/31/15. Motion to authorize the Conservation Commission to sign the deed and any other associated paperwork – 2nd & approved. 47 Acres (approx.) of Chapter 61 land on East St may be coming up for sale some discussion of the Town acquiring.

LSC – New sign installed at Stefans land; Greg Trussell (Plowman Landscaping) is doing some work at this property; mowing and some clearing/maintenance; removing some invasive species. Motion was made to sign an expense voucher for Plowman invoice – 2nd & approved. Discussed upcoming workshops on “Prescribed Fire” to be held in February & March. Is this something we want to pursue for the Stefan’s property? Yes, worth attending and finding out what is involved.

Admin/Finance – Motion to sign expense voucher – 2nd & approved; timesheets signed by Chair.

Office – Resident called w/ concerns about beaver activity in the Fowler/Mechanic St area – TJ will contact.

Whitney Conservation Area/Parking Easement – DS will contact Greg Odone to see about moving forward w/ surveying the easement and installing permanent markers such as rebar pins w/ caps that will be flush with the ground; MP suggested that as there is money available from Metacomet that we purchase and install wooden guardrails on the eastern end of the easement; his suggestion is to leave a 20’ opening then install a 16’ section of guardrail then another 20’ opening; we previously accepted Greg Odone’s offer to do this work pro bono with our agreement to issue a letter for tax purposes; motion to issue a letter to Greg Odone for tax purposes after this work has been completed – 2nd & approved.

Chase property – nothing new at this time.

Warren Town parcel – potential name? Do we want to put up a signs for the trail which runs from Coach Rd Apts to Warren St? We would need to get approval from the Housing Authority. Looking for suggestions for a name for the trail; suggested that we reach out to the Historical Commission.

Moth Study – completed for now; possibly in the future conduct a study on the Stefan’s land.

Forestry – waiting for Mass Audubon input MP will contact.

Kiwanis Beach Parking Area – DPW will be submitting a Stormwater Permit.

Upton Solar project – Con Com would like input in the type of seed mix as previously discussed with the applicant; motion was made to provide the Planning Board with some language for their decision regarding the type of pollinator seed mix to be used – 2nd & approved.

8:18 PM Motion to Adjourn – 2nd & Approved

Minutes approved on: _____

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Document List:

- 1) Con Com Agenda & Action Checklist
- 2) Agent’s final report dated 11/19/15 – 12/16/15.