

Conservation Commission – July 20, 2019

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Ms. Rona Easton, & Dr. John Schreiber.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Meeting minutes of April 13th 2019 were accepted as prepared. Note no meetings were held in May and June, 2019

Old Business:

The Commission received an email request from Ms. Shannon Boomsma, White Engineering Inc. to continue the hearing for Devine – 61 Steepletop Road- dredging of Harnett Pond. The Commission approved the request to continue the hearing until their next meeting in August.

The Commission received an email from Mr. Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering Inc – regarding 212 East Hill Road. Mr. Kulig submitted existing conditions site plan, portion of USGS Quad Map, USGS Streamstats Method Data Sheets for the subject area, and a FEMA Flood Map Firmette. Present was Mrs. Nanci Worthington an abutter. The Commission reviewed the submitted documents and discussed that the site area is in the buffer zone, flood plan and has an intermittent stream. After discussion the Commission recommends that a formal NOI be submitted.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he has spent time with the Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners regarding walking trails that land trusts complete in collaboration with the local conservation commission. Dr. Schreiber spoke with Ms. Martha Bryan who was present and asked if someone from the New Marlborough Land Trust would be willingly to walk the trail located off of Route 183, New Marlborough Preserve with Mr. Friedman and himself, so that they can review area of the river bank. Dr. Schreiber stated that the Commission will call and make an appointment to complete the walk with the New Marlborough Land Trust.

New Business:

NM Highway – Amended order of conditions for Brewer Hill Rd no one was able to attend the meeting due to a death in the family and it was requested to be on the agenda for August.

The Commission received a copy of a special permit for Mr. Dan Alden – 260 Hartsville Mill River Rd, to install a sign with the dimension of 24” wide by 30” tall, post is 5’4” tall. After the Commission reviewed the application

The Commission will send a letter to Mr. David Hosford thanking him for his service on the Commission.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Received from Berkshire Engineering Inc. – recorded order of conditions – Leavitt – file number 237-0193 – 19 Konkapot Road.
- Forest Cutting Plan – Hull Forestlands LP- South Sandisfield & Idle Hour Rd – 186.5 + acres.
- MACC FY20 Dues.
- Booklet from Berkshire Natural Resources Council – spring 2019.
- MACC Wetlands Buffer Zone Guidebook
- CVE- copy of declination to exercise option to purchase land – Knight Rd – Palfini.
- Common Ground newsletters May/June & July/August.
- Information from UMass Amherst.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10th, 2019

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 10:36 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary