

Conservation Commission Working Meeting – May 23, 2023

Members present were Dr. John Schreiber, Co-Chair, Mrs. Nanci Worthington, and Dr. Doug Hyde.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that the goal is to create a bylaw that will reduce erosion from person made mowing close to the rivers. Dr. Schreiber also mentioned that the goal is to help town residence with this potential bylaw. Mrs. Worthington mentioned planting option should be included in order to be sure that soils are held in place. It was mentioned that 25 feet is not necessary enough, but 30 would be a great start for the flow.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that he has spoken with Mr. Mark Stinson, Wetlands Circuit Rider, who mentioned that there is a need to keep some of the area for agriculture use, such as 25 – 30 feet.

The Commission will take pictures to show at a public meeting, and check to see if it is possible to do a Town blanket NOI for native planting along the rivers' edges. The Commission would like to have this bylaw ready for next year annual town meeting.

Dr. Hyde inquired on who would enforce this bylaw? Possibly a group created by both Conservation Commission & the Planning Board members.

The main idea is to raise awareness to property owners, provide tools such as grants. Possible bylaw might be labeled: Water Protection Bylaw.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 3:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien
Secretary