

Conservation Commission – January 25, 2020

Members present were Mr. Freddy Friedman, Dr. John Schreiber & Mr. David Herrick. Also present was Ms. Molly Crine and Ms. Martha Bryan.

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Meeting minutes November 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 were accepted as amended. (Note no meeting in December, 2019)

#### Old Business:

The Commission noted that they haven't received for permission to access the site for the RDA filed for Koerner for Canaan Southfield Road.

The commission reviewed the mail:

- Memo from Tree Warden, Nate Redman regarding a completely dead tree across from Carrol Mill property and poses a danger to the public. The Commission reviewed the memo and picture submitted. After review a motion was made, seconded and so voted to grant emergency removal of the dead tree, with the conditions being that all efforts be made not to drop branches into the river and the stump needs to be left in place undisturbed. Dr. Schreiber and Mr. Herrick will complete a site visit after the meeting.
- Common Ground Newsletter.
- NM Land Trust – letter requesting donations. The Commission would like to know if there's a certain project that the Land Trust would be using the donations for.
- MACC – dues error.
- Berkshire Natural Resources – Annual donation letter.

#### New Business:

Mr. Friedman mentioned that he has spoken with a representative from Berkshire National Fish Hatchery that was inquiring on what application would need to be filed since work will not be in the resource area.

Dr. Schreiber mentioned that a lot of towns around New Marlborough have adopted the Berkshire Mountain Act Massachusetts General Law Chapter 131, Section 39A, which regulates height and slope of proposed development. When ready to proceed with a new bylaw and public hearing will have to be done along with the Commission members attending a Planning Board Meeting and a Board of Selectmen Meeting. The Commission reviewed both 1300 and 1500 slope maps done by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. If work on a bylaw with 1500 feet it won't include much ridge lines and exempts most of the Town. 1300 feet is too low and would include the whole village of New Marlborough. It was decided that the 15% slope maybe the limit since emergency vehicles won't be able to access the property. It was noted that power lines and cell towers are exempted and the goal is to minimize at the slope impact

areas. The Commission would like to review the 1400 evaluation map at their next meeting and will continue to work on this bylaw with Ms. Crine and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 11 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chretien  
Secretary