

Charlestown Conservation Commission meeting 10 Jul 17

Members present: Jim Fowler, Dick Holmes, Dick Lincourt, Mike Francis

Alternate members present: Sue Ann Forcier

Called to order 7:03 PM by Dick Holmes chair

Sue Ann Forcier seated in place of Ruth Pratt

Minutes of 19 Jun 17 approved as amended

- 1) RT 12 Construction Update Meeting – Steve Neill and Dick Holmes attended meeting. Wetlands mitigation approval still pending approval by Governor’s counsel. Once approved 1.25 million dollars will be put into Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM). Then the project will be put out to bid. Planned start 2018. 3 year plan.
- 2) ARM project funding list – Charlestown and Walpole will be the most impacted so will have priority for projects. Dick Holmes talked to John Evans from DOT about ARM. Dick also talked to Dave Edkins and Keith Weed of projects they would like seen done. Much discussion. ConCom came up with a list of projects 1) two culverts need work. Already planned and awaiting funding. One on Pecor Road and another larger one on Old Cheshire Turnpike. 2) land owners of a two hundred plus acre property on Fall Mountain that abuts the state forest want to sell their property to the state to be included in the state forest. 3) Bridge on Borough Road near the North Hemlock Road end needs replacement. 4) repair wetlands on Ann Avenue. 5) easement on Ted Putnam’s property off Old Springfield Road.
- 3) Correspondence – Dick Holmes reviewed correspondence received since last meeting.
- 4) Other Business –
 - a) more discussion of possible ARM money projects – 1) easement on Putnam’s property off RT 12A in North Charlestown 2) possible pollution in swamp/brook on Old Springfield Road. Motion passed to spend no more than \$250 for Coop Ext to test water samples to see if the swamp is polluted.

Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

Minutes accepted by Dick Holmes chair

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