



Town of Duxbury
Conservation Commission

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Minutes of July 7, 2015

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Sam Butcher; Tom Gill; Dianne Hearn; Holly Morris (arrives 7:10 pm); Corey Wisneski

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Susan Ossoff, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

REORGANIZATION

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Chairman. Sam Butcher nominated Corey Wisneski as Chairman, this was seconded by Holly Morris. There were no further nominations. Corey Wisneski was elected Chairman of the Conservation Commission by a vote of 5-0-0.

The newly elected Chairman took over the meeting. Nominations were taken for Vice-Chairman. Sam Butcher nominated Tom Gill to be Vice-Chair; this was seconded by Dianne Hearn. There were no further nominations. Tom Gill was elected Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Commission by a vote of 5-0-0.

**PUBLIC MEETING; DUXBURY CAMPUS LLC; 397,401, 405 WASHINGTON STREET;
CONSTRUCTION OF VESTIBULE, BITUMINOUS CONCRETE SIDEWALK, UNDERGROUND
UTILITIES**

Corey Wisneski recused herself from the discussion about this project because she is an employee of Battelle, owner of the property.

Mr. Loumis from McKenzie Engineering described the project which is to add a vestibule on the west side of the building and improve the sidewalk; the work is between 50-100' from the coastal dune. All the building improvements are in compliance with FEMA flow-through and breakaway requirements.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 4-0-1 to issue a Negative Determination so no Notice of Intent is required for this project. Corey Wisneski abstained from the vote.

INTERVIEWS FOR OPEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION SEATS

The first candidate interviewed was John Brawley. Mr. Brawley's background is as a marine ecologist.

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The second candidate was Stephen Williams. Mr. Williams is an attorney with a great interest in protecting the environment.

The third candidate was Robb D'Ambruoso. Mr. D'Ambruoso is an attorney who is interested in the work of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the excellent candidates it was presented with.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Tom Gill, it was voted 5-0-0 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that John Brawley be appointed to the Conservation Commission.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 5-0-0 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Robb D'Ambruoso be appointed to the Conservation Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Bill Payment:

Joe Grady explained that there has been approximately \$28,000 in legal bills so far for the Merry property acquisition; the Town Meeting article had included \$10,000 for legal expenses. \$6,200 will be paid from the CPC Administrative Account, and the Commission is being asked to authorize the use of up to \$15,000 from the Conservation Fund. On a motion by Holly Morris, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted to authorize the use of up to \$15,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund to pay legal expenses related to the Merry Land Purchase by a vote of 5-0-0.

Minutes:

On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 4-0-1 to approve the minutes of May 12, 2015 as written; Corey Wisneski abstained.

Adjournment: On a motion by Tom Gill, second by Sam Butcher, it was voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING

RDA application materials for 397, 401, and 405 Washington Street
Talent Bank Applications for three candidates interviewed
Draft minutes of May 12, 2015