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**BOARD:** Conservation Commission  
**TOPIC:** Monthly Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** December 9, 2015  
**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall Meeting Room  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Dempsey, C. Keene, J. Aalto, J. Gebauer, T. Grim,  
H. Meninger  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Schaefer  
**GUESTS:** none  
**RECORDER:** Hauss

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motioned to open the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Grim to seconds the motion.

**(Voted: 6-0).**

**441 Main St. -** A letter was sent to Eric Harper regarding removal of floats and a fine. Peter Noyes and Eric Harper came to speak to commission about the fine. Harper is asking for a request of determination for storing boats down in the area.

Keene said Mr. Harper came in front of us for a request of determination.

Grim said the enforcement letter was sent because the floats were on site until October 12, 2015.

Harper would like to offer a donation of \$3,000.00.

Dempsey would like the commissioners to consider their offer.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motions for a settlement of \$3,000.00 and withdraw the enforcement letter pending with the withdrawal of the letter from Mr. Noyes attorney.

Grim seconds the motion.**(Voted: 5-0-1).**

Aalto said this will affect the way he reviews any plans for this property. Keene greet with Aalto.

**29 Cannon Hill Ave- GNOI in ground pool.**

On October 29, 2015, Dempsey visited the site for the pool. The in-ground pool will be 50 to 55 feet away from the jurisdictional wetlands site. The owners would like the pool area be attached to their back patio. Once the pool is in, it will be outside the jurisdiction. On December 19, 2015

there will be a site visit at 8:30a.m. at 29 Cannon Hill Ave. Grim moves to continue to a March date which will be posted. Meninger seconds the motion. (Voted: 6-0).

**Lower Center Street-** Follow-up site visit for a community preservation submission. On December 5, 2015 there was a site visit to Lower Center Street and 201 Washington St. Lower Center Street - The commissioners looked at the picnic area and there was in an erosion problem. We want to prevent it from getting worse. There was one trash can. If we remove the picnic area, how can we discourage large numbers of people from going in that area.

201 Washington St. boat launch. There are 8 acres of pond which is full of water lilies. In addition, there is a slight incline where the picnic area is. There are no outdoor bathrooms.

A kiosk showing the trails would make the area more attractive.

Keene said we looked at the area where the grills were. The foundations of the grills need to be cleaned up.

Dempsey said he was putting a proposal together the project to make it more attractive.

Mentioned in the plan would be Hydro-raking the area to remove all the water lilies, better signage, and rehabbing the picnic area. The total budget would be \$110,650.00.

Keene said hydro-raking has success in other areas.

Aalto said he has concerns of clearing the entire area.

Lower Center Street.

Gabauer said to leave the area there; no fires, grills.

Aalto said he was concerned about the large groups of people because of grills. He is not in favor of having the grill put back and have the picnic tables removed. Carry in and Carry out the trash. The boat launch- the erosion borders the pond. I would like to have a narrow access to limit the wider boats from going in that area.

Meninger said to take out the grills, have no fires but keep the picnic tables. Have a clear path to the pond.

Grim said there should be a place to sit. Make the option of either having there or the other side.

Keene said don't put the grills back. Improve the rock path where there is erosion. For the sake of people there should be stairs. A set of stairs should be put in down to the water so people would be safe. Picnic table invites a longer visit. Replace two picnic tables with two benches. It would be less impact with 2 benches.

Dempsey is concerned with the picnic area in the 25 foot buffer zone. Moving picnic area to Veasey Park and have grills with picnic tables. Dempsey wants to take out picnic table out and put in benches.

**(Action Taken:)**

Dempsey motions to leave picnic tables there and improve other things. Grim seconds the motion. (Voted: 3-3)

Meninger motioned to put one handicap picnic table and one bench with erosion controls. Keene seconds the motion. (Voted: 4-2). Aalto and Dempsey opposing.

**Other Business:**

Center Street Greenway is almost completed. Dempsey is working with the Essex County Greenbelt.

Dempsey is working with the Selectman MacDonald to make a decision on the Bussing property.

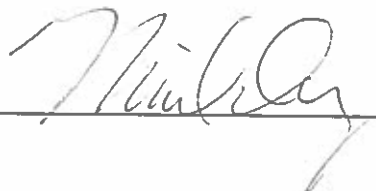
Pecker Lane- a COC is being issued.

800 Salem St. There are enforcement problems on this property.

Keene motions to accept minutes for November with the correction on page 3. Dempsey seconds the motion. (Voted: 4-0-2). Meninger and Grim abstained.

Grim motions to close the meeting at 9:28p.m. Meninger seconds of motion. (Voted: 6-0).

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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