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**BOARD:** Conservation Commission  
**TOPIC:** Monthly Meeting  
**MEETING DATE:** January 11, 2017  
**MEETING PLACE:** Town Hall Main Meeting Room  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Dempsey, F. O'Connor, H. Meninger, B. Formosi,  
J. Gebauer, T. Grim  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** T. Schaefer  
**CONCOM AGENT:** Rosemary Decie  
**GUESTS:** none  
**RECORDER:** J. Hauss

**(Action Taken)**

Gebauer motioned to open meeting at 7:01 pm. Meninger seconds the motion.

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

**PY 2017-18 Budget-** The fees are \$25,000 beyond what we are going to spend this year. Dempsey said he asked for an extra \$1,495 for the budget.

**Community Preservation Project**

1. Johnsons Creek – request for \$70,000. Dempsey would like Cammett Engineering to review the plan and have the issues of the creek looked at.
2. Johnson's Pond- Plan similar to Johnson's Creek. The plan talks about the water quality of pond and what needs to be done to make it safe. Option to have more passive recreation for the pond.
3. Cleaning up the water lilies. Dempsey has 2 proposals.
  - a. Hydro-raking which cost \$40,000
  - b. Herbicide which costs \$13,000

Grim said using a herbicide isn't the best method. The Board does not like the idea of using herbicide.

**Veasey Fields Grazing Proposal-** This will be no cost to the town. The goats eat poison ivy and grass. They would be there for 2 weeks at Veasey Park.

The town pays \$1000 for that area to be mowed. This would be a cost savings to the town.

**(Action Taken)**

Dempsey motions to approve Goats to Go sheep for 1 year to graze. Grim seconds the motion.  
**(Voted: 6-0).**

**Veasey Building Improvements**

1. Replacement windows and doors to be completed at the end of January 2017.
2. Replacement of a furnace in the gray building.
3. There is another old furnace and they are going to pipe in everything into one furnace.

**Commission document management status:**

The Conservation Commission is trying to manage the documents better using laser phish which by every document is scanned into a computer.

Permit Tracking-What are the open permits for seasonal restrictions. How many outstanding permits will there be?

Office Needs- Dempsey is going to request more office space. The Water Dept. will be moving to the old Electric Dept. Building.

**(Action Taken)**

Dempsey motions to request the Conservation Commission Office move into the Water Dept. Office when it becomes vacant at the next BOS meeting. Grim seconds the motion.  
**(Voted: 6-0).**

**Small open space properties project:**

Rosemary Decie spoke about the conservation properties. She said that her list of properties needs more protection than other properties.

**Open Discussion:**

Complaint: 52 Center St. claims her land is being washed away. She has horses there. There is an intermittent stream running through the property. Dempsey and Decie both went to the property to view it. . Dempsey said he spoke to the Building Inspector about the complaint and it is a neighborly dispute.

181 School St. - Dempsey got 5 phone calls regarding 6 acres of land. We have no jurisdiction, but it is against the Storm Water Management Rules. This is the Planning Boards problem.

Dempsey said we have a request to exchange ½ acre of land at the entrance of Wood St. next to the Town Forrest for 10 acres in the back. This will add to the Town Forrest. This may take a town meeting vote.

Bill Formosi is working on the land donation on Balch Avenue.

Town Counsel is looking at the final stages of the Conservation restrictions on Greenway at Angelini and Maddenly Property. There are 3 other properties which 2 need Conservation Commission Restrictions. These 3 properties are attached to Meadow Pond. The 3 properties need language corrections and the goal is to have the corrections made. The Fisheries and Wildlife will add them to their list when the corrections are made. There are 24 acres which are broken into 3 different 6,8,10 acre pieces at Meadow Pond and presently there is no hunting allowed since we control it.

Hunting is allowed on the 60 acre portion of Meadow Pond. Some of this land is very close to the houses. Many people walk their dogs out there. Conservation Restrictions need to be put into place. It would be easier if DFW does it, but there will have to be hunting allowed.

Dempsey will make a map for the next meeting. The language needs to be corrected. We then can decide if we want FDW or someone else. 3 major properties will not have hunting.

Site visit for 929-931 Salem St was cancelled because Hal was coming from New Bedford. The new scheduled date is January 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Grim said he will not be there.

#### **Minutes**

##### **(Action Taken:)**

Grim moved to accept minutes from December 14, 2016. Formosi seconds the motion.

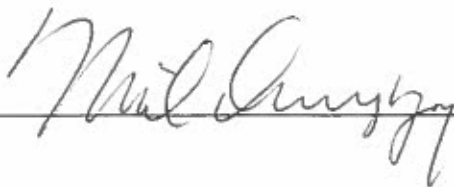
**(Voted: 4-0).** Grim and Gebauer abstain from voting on these minutes.

The next meeting is February 8, 2017.

Meninger motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Grim seconds the motion.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Feb 8, 2017