

FINAL
PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING
October 18, 2016

PRESENT:

Ron Thompson, Brian Keevan, Holly Palmgren, Rachael Catlow and Sue Mitchell from the PCC plus Brett Trowbridge Associate Member were in attendance.

Brian Keevan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Construction has started at 129 Gleason Road, DEP File No. 267-086.
- PCC received from Wachusett Mountain Associates the revised plan dated 9/21/16 of the wetlands flagging.
- A site visit took place on September 26, 2016 at 296 Sterling Road with Brian Keevan, Bob DiDiase at the site. The plantings have been completed and at the end of the first year PCC will re- evaluate the site with a spring 2017 site visit then determine if monitoring needs to continue for another year. PCC voted that they met the requirements and followed the plan. The Chair will email Mr. Oberhelman and Bob DiDiase stating that they met the requirements.
- Deb Carey a Representative for the Princeton Land Trust gave an update to the commission regarding recent land transfers from the Fieldstone Farm Project. Brian Keevan recused himself from this discussion. The CR's are recorded for the Calamint Hill Conservation Area and the kiosk is in place. Two of the three parcels for development have been sold, the lot not sold is not perking. The 10 acres not sold in the 20 acre lot have been transferred to the Town with the PCC owning the jurisdiction of the lot. A site visit will take place on October 30, 2016 for the addition to the Calamint Hill Conservation Area. The house was sold to Andy Cardillo who has been residing there. PCC will review the Enforcement Order for the owner of record for the Farmhouse.
- PCC discussed potential updates to Land Management Plan for Calamint Hill Conservation area. Conservation Restriction requires plan finalized and approved by DCR and City of Worcester by December 2016. The Land Management Plan will be put on the web site to open the November 15th Meeting for comments before it is finalized. A sub-committee was voted on to work with the Open Space Committee of Holly Palmgren, Rachael Catlow and Brett Trowbridge to help design the Trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Received from Kenneth Vaughan the signed Acknowledgement of Receipt of Understanding as well as the receipt of recording. October 14, 2016 with Brian Keevan and was noted that the erosion controls were adequate. John Vieira also went to the site to inspect the erosion controls later in the same day.
- A phone call was received from Kevin Dorey regarding 11 Bigelow Road asking for information, he was advised to file a Request for Determination.
- A phone call was received from Carl Koch regarding 247 Ball Hill Road, he was advised to file a Request for Determination
- A phone call was received from Scott Marcello regarding 2-7 Country Lane a 7.70 parcel of land, he was advised to file a Request for Determination.
- A phone call was received from a Student at U Mass to do a survey on Savage Hill.
- PCC was notified that the Highway Department is stumping on Grow Lane, PCC will look into this project.
- PCC also was notified that the parking lot next to the Princeton House of Pizza on Hubbardston and the Mountainside Market have been paved.
- PCC had a delayed email from DCR regarding a Certificate of Compliance for the Paradise Pond Dam Project DEP File 267- 0343. PCC will request a hard copy of the plans and to do a site visit on October 30th after the Fieldstone Farm site visit.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: None

FOREST CUTTING PLANS: None

The minutes from September 20, 2016 meeting was accepted with minor changes as noted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Marsha Dowdy

Minutes from October 30, 2016 Site Visit

October 30, 2016, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Fieldstone Farm, Hubbardston Road

Attendees: Brian Keevan, John Vieira, Ron Thompson, Susan Mitchell, Rachael Catlow, Brett Trowbridge. Also attending was Rick Gardner from the Open Space Committee.

New Business: None.

Old Business: The Commissioners toured the "L-shaped" parcel described as Parcel A5-2, containing 9.995 acres shown on a plan entitled "Lot Division Plan, Hubbardston Road & Calamint Hill Road (North), Plan of Land in Princeton, MA prepared for Massachusetts Audubon Society" dated 9/16/2016, presented to the Commission at its meeting on October 18, 2016. The boundaries and corner monuments were observed. The parcel is entirely forested and contains a stream running along its northern edge, several acres of wooded wetland in the northern section, and wooded uplands in the southern and eastern section. The site has seen some light tree cutting (not recent), and otherwise appears uncompromised apart from fairly healthy populations of exotic invasive shrubs in the damper soils (Japanese barberry, multiflora rose, honeysuckle, and Oriental bittersweet were observed). At the conclusion of the walk, a motion was made and seconded, and the Commission voted unanimously in favor of accepting the donation of Parcel A5-2 from Mass Audubon (11:08 a.m.)

The planned site visit of Paradise Pond dam and spillway to conduct a final inspection was postponed pending further review of all submitted documentation, and will be rescheduled prior to the November 15th meeting.

No further business.

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