FINAL PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MEETING June 21, 2016

PRESENT:

John Vieira, Holly Palmgren, Ron Thompson, Renee McDonough and Sue Mitchell from the PCC, as well as Brett Trowbridge associate member were in attendance.

John Vieira called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Charlie Wyman (Audubon) and Pete Westover (Conservation Works, LLC) attended the PCC meeting as well as Tom Sullivan. Conservation Works drafted the Baseline Plan and the Management Plan on the 133.9 acre parcel. PCC named the area the Calamint Hill Conservation Area.
- Fieldstone Farm 33 acre parcel the Conservation Works also drafted a Baseline Plan and Management Plan.

The package needs to be submitted by July 8, 2016 so a Special Meeting was scheduled for June 27, 2016 to get the paper work signed.

- Mary Ann DiPinto gave the PCC a list of plants that are being used for the replication of wetlands on the Calamint Hill Property that was the Markley property now the Bourgeois property. The deer have nibbled on some of the plants, and the winter rye in the buffer zone is about 8-10 inches high. PCC will do a site visit on June 28, 2016 to see how things are progressing. PCC received Proposed Wetland Replication plans for Calamint Hill Road, Princeton, MA from Marc & Sandra Bourgeois.
- John Vieira and Brett Trowbridge did a site visit a couple weeks ago and meet with Shawn Conway at 296 Sterling Road, the Oberhelman property before the work began, work is progressing and a site visit will take place on June 28th.
- The PCC and BOH worked out a system where the applicant needs to come before the PCC then go to the BOH, and the applicant can't start work until proof of signed plans from the BOH are established.
- NEW BUSINESS:
- A continuation for a Request for Compliance received from MaryAnn DiPinto for Wachusett Mountain Associates, 499 Mountain Road, Princeton for DEP File No. 267-167. John Vieira and Brett Trowbridge did a site visit on June 20, 2016 stating everything looks good. A Certificate of Compliance was issued unanimously.
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- A Notice of Intent received from Wachusett Mountain Associates for Wachusett Ski Area's Routine Maintenance. Located at 499 Mountain Road, Princeton. DEP File No. 267-0387. John Vieira and Brett Trowbridge did a site visit on June 20, 2016 with Mary Ann DiPinto. Wetland C was more expansive, Wetland B was different shape and larger and needs to be surveyed for wetland boundries, the isolated wetland needs to be shown on the plans. Natural Heritage indicated that an endangered plant was in the location and mowing to be done in the fall after the plants have reseeded. The Applicant requested this be continued to the August meeting.
- A Request for Determination was filed for Mass Audubon for 110 Hubbardston Road, Princeton (Fieldstone Farm LLC) for site improvements that include septic system replacement and removal of debris from former barn. John Vieira and Brett Trowbridge did a site visit on June 20, 2016. Larry Greene spoke to the Commission about the 2 site improvements being made. A new septic system will be installed that pumps up to a new leach field. Then debris will be removed from the resource area in Area B they will sift out metal, plastic and wood to be recycled. In addition 2 piles will be removed from the resource area as well. PCC wants them to extend the erosion controls and seed to stabilize the disturbed areas. A Negative 3 was determined with special conditions as written unanimously voted.
- A Request for Determination was filed for the Heritage Bible Chapel, 182 Brook Station Road, Princeton for creating a field just outside the buffer zone to a bordering vegetative wetland. PCC received a letter dated May 10, 2016 to the Heritage Bible Chapel, from Office of the Building Department, Town of Princeton regarding work being done at the site. Brett Trowbridge did a site visit on 6/21/16 and determined that some sediment has passed the erosion controls. A Negative 3 Determination was unanimously voted. With special conditions as written. A copy of the Determination was sent to Mary Ann DiPinto.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

FOREST CUTTING PLANS: None

The minutes from the May 17, 2016 meeting was accepted with minor changes as noted. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Marsha Dowdy