

June 27, 2016

**DRAFT
PRINCETON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MEETING
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PRESENT:

PCC Members Brian Keevan, Ron Thompson, Renee McDonough, John Vieira, Sue Mitchell; Associate Member Brett Trowbridge.

Chair John Vieira opened the meeting at 7:23 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charlie Wyman from Mass Audubon, Pete Westover and Anne Capra from the consulting group Conservation Works were also present for a discussion of the Baseline Data Reports (BDRs) and Land Management Plans (LMPs) for both the 133.9 acre Calamint Hill Conservation Area (CHCA) parcel now owned in fee by the PCC and the Fieldstone Farm parcels owned by the Princeton Land Trust (PLT) and Mass Audubon (MAS) (33 acres total) on which the Town holds a Conservation Restriction.

Discussion began with a review of the latest version of the CHCA BDR and LMP. Edits made as a result of last week's PCC meeting have been incorporated. Charlie briefly explained other changes made since the last meeting as a result of further reviews by PCC members, including the wording of the forest management and stone walls sections, and discussion of funding. These were reviewed, except for a new line allowing the use of the fee land for education and environmental/ecological research – this is included in the last minute version but not in the printout that was prepared for the meeting.

Sue asked about aquatic invasive species not in the lists included in the LMP. Pete W. answered her questions and noted that additional data and monitoring could be included in updates to the management plan as the PCC chooses. Funding through grants was discussed for possible future treatments. Sue mentioned adding information to the plan about using non-motorized boats and the potential for transmission of aquatic invasives.

Topic shifted to the PLT/MAS properties. Maps and monitoring locations were examined; PLT owns the road. Monitor only had the preliminary survey when did site visits; some drill holes were not seen. Consultant stated they will revisit the property and locate the missing points and document them for the final BDR.

Charlie W. noted there are some minor edits to maps to be done, updated phone numbers to be added, references to APR to be deleted; photo references to be corrected. Appendix will be added with GPS locations for waypoints. Any voting tonight would be contingent upon those changes.

A motion was made and seconded, and PCC voted unanimously to accept the Fee land BDR and LMP, contingent upon minor edits to be made. All signed, Nina needs to sign or get Municipal Chief Executive Officer to sign (Sue Mitchell will be around and volunteered to hand deliver the signature page).

Brian K. recused himself for the vote on the BDR/LMP on the CR land owned by PLT and MAS.

A motion was made and seconded, and PCC voted unanimously to accept the CR land BDR and LMP, contingent upon minor edits to be made. All but Brian K. signed.

Charlie W. will finalize both documents with all changes agreed to and contact the Town Administrator regarding next steps, and will email John V. and Brian K. with final versions. He also presented the proposed wording of the sign that will go up on the kiosk, which references the many agencies and partners that collaborated on the project. PLT and MAS are working on the overall design. There was a brief mention of a celebration event later in the summer.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE: NONE

FOREST CUTTING PLANS: NONE

No minutes from previous meetings were discussed. Members were reminded of site visits the following day.

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:28 pm.

Brian Keegan