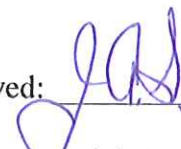


SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 24, 2016

MINUTES

Approved: 

Present: Joyce Smith Chair, William Wence, Co-Chair, Daniel Moroney, Lauren Rothermich, Robert Tefft
Staff: Wanda M. Bien, Secretary
Brandon Faneuf, Consultant

6:30pm A Workshop to review the implications of the proposed Citizens' Petition Bylaw to present to the Finance Committee on March 29, 2016.

The following topics were discussed.

The responsibilities of the Conservation Commission and its authority to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sutton Bylaw, and the interests of the WPA and present Sutton Bylaw that was adopted in May 2015 after public hearings and was enacted in Sept. 2015 after review by the Attorney General.

Topics of Concern in the Citizens' Bylaw which would require the Commission to enforce:

Increased Time before Conservation requiring any changes to be submitted 14 days prior to a meeting would require most continuations to the next month.

There would be a Site Evaluation Fee of \$150 for all applications. We presently have a \$25 bylaw fee and for very simple RDA's it is not collected.

200' Sutton Bylaw jurisdictional area would only be enforced if the Commission thought it important according to the Citizen's bylaw. A 25' no touch zone would be and a 50' no fertilizer area would be proposed.

The Citizen's bylaw does not adequately contain definitions of terms.

The Citizen's bylaw does not contain language giving the Commission discretion but is more absolute with fines.

The fine for filling wetlands is excessive.

Citizens in the audience were permitted to ask questions which were answered by members of the Commission and our Consultant. Topics were the 200' jurisdictional area, requiring a reported violation to be totally anonymous, the possibility of amending some wording from shall to may at Town Meeting.

Mr Faneuf explained various questions about the Sutton Bylaw and the Wetland Protection Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Date: 3-24-16

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