

WAYLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, Wednesday, October 29, 2014 8:35 – 10:30AM

Location: Large Hearing Room Area Meeting Room, Town Building, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA

Present: Commissioners: Roger Backman, Joanne Barnett, Bob Goldsmith, Barbara Howell, Betty Salzberg
Chairperson: Sherre Greenbaum, **Conservation Administrator:** Brian Monahan

Not present: John Sullivan

Minutes: Taken from notes assembled at meeting.

S.Greenbaum opened the meeting at 8:35AM noting that a quorum was present.

1. **8:35 a.m. – Citizens Time: This is a time for input to the Commission regarding items that are *not* on the agenda.**

Public comment was offered via email from Mike Lowery, Lakeshore Drive, to S.Greenbaum as follows:

- a. Boats at Rocky Point Conservation Area:

Mr. Lowery's comments: Mr. Lowery urges commissioners to consider providing annual-fee-for-use canoe/kayak storage racks at the entrance to Rocky Point. Putting in small boats is one of the most important types of passive recreation - and one that is not available at many spots in Wayland. An orderly approach to this would be welcomed by Dudley Pond residents. The DPA membership was advised of the plans to clean up boats on the point at last weekend's annual fall meeting.

Commission discussion: There is a need to have land surveyed, install a sign, bench, possible picnic table; boat racks could be possible Eagle Scout project. After survey of land is done, the Commission may consider two parking spaces and the control of invasive species.

- b. Castle Hill Conservation Area:

Mr. Lowery's comments: Mr. Lowery urges commissioners to allow the DPW to complete the task of removing the abandoned drums from the Castle Hill area. The fire chief has followed the proper procedures to assure that they may be safely removed. I hope the Commission will enable this task to be completed by asking B.Monahan to contact the DPW director to set a date for the work.

Commission discussion: The bridge was damaged by the DPW and needs replacement as a handicap accessible crossing. A question was raised about hand removing the barrel drums.

Motion to authorize B.Monahan to speak to S.Kadlik about the removal of the drums and to replace with handicap bridge; Seconded 6-0

2. **Minutes to review and approve:** September 18, 2014

Motion to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2014 as amended; Seconded 6-0

3. **Request for Certificate of Compliance [310 CMR 10.05 (9)]**

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B.Monahan noted that there were no inspection reports submitted.

Motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance under the Chapter 194 Bylaw; Seconded 6-0

4. Land Management

Kiosks at various conservation areas were discussed as needing work. It was noted that Laura Mattei of SVT may have an Eagle Scout lined up to do several bulletin boards.

5. Other

a. FY 2016 Operating Budget Update

It was noted that Rocky Point funding is to be included. There was discussion regarding contract supplemental survey funds, which Weston does for \$20K annually; consider asking for \$10K. Discussion ensued on the proposed Land Manager position and that if not funded, the Commission should ask for more seasonal worker funding. There is a need to monitor the Rice Road Dam (\$45K) and Heard Farm, Cow Common and Sedgemoor conservation areas could be under the capital budget.

b. Possible Warrant Articles Update

- IDDE will be worked on and modeled on the Attorney General's example
- Discussed amending Chapter 193/Stormwater Bylaw
- SWQC will be drafting a proposed warrant article requiring homeowners with leach fields within "critical septic zones" next to surface waters to pump their septic tanks with a specified frequency. Based on the ensuing discussion, SWQC will approach the BOH first before coming before ConCom. Sources of duck weed were discussed and B.Howell noted that duck weed is native and she worries more about algae. L. Segal asked about distance for septic systems, and B.Goldsmith confirmed they would look at anything within 300 feet from a water body.

c. Revised DEP Regulations: B.Howell has a summary.

d. Other – Reservoir Road

Regarding work on the water line/service to #9 and #15 Reservoir Road, B.Monahan reported that the culvert was rotted and a signed/stamped statement from the engineer is needed. B.Monahan noted they should either put PVC through the rotted culvert or install new cement culvert. The Applicant can be allowed to use 12" PVC and apply for an amendment later.

6. Land Management

a. Community Gardens – Possible Fees, Discussion of rules and any other O&M issues

Discussed possible future charge for hay bales; S.Greenbaum mentioned talking to gardeners; Low fees were discussed and potential increase for non-resident fee was revisited. S.Greenbaum suggested resident fees as \$12/seniors and \$16/regular with non-resident fees as \$16/seniors and \$20/regular.

Motion to increase the Community Garden plot rental fee structure for non-residents to \$16 for seniors and \$20 for all others; Seconded 6-0

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b. Guideline/rules for Lincoln Road Conservation Restrictions

Discussion ensued on major problems which resulted from a planned charitable entertainment event that took place in September. B.Goldsmith discussed possible rules and the need to clarify and work with M.Lanza on what is a permissible charitable event going forward.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:30am; Seconded 6-0

The next **Regular Conservation Commission Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, November 6, 2014** in the Wayland Town Building.

NOTE: Per changes to the Open Meeting Law, notice of any meeting of a public body shall include "A listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting". AG's Office guidelines state that the list of topics shall have sufficient specificity to reasonably advise the public of the issue to be discussed.

