



TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS
Conservation Commission

Forbes Municipal Building
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DATE: August 3, 2016
RE: Minutes of Meeting of June 28, 2016

Members Present: Chairman Koenigsberg, Member Buckalew, Member Lundberg, Member Kessler, Member Cushing,
Absent Members: Member Donley, Member Kelley

6:15p.m. - Discussion- CarMax Conservation Restriction/Proposed Perpetual Trail Easement

Member Buckalew motioned to sign the EOEEA notary form for the CarMax Conservation Restriction seconded by Member Cushing, motion passes 4-0-1. Member Kessler abstained.

The Conservation Officer explained the meetings that have taken place between the Town Manager, the Conservation Officer and CarMax. The bike path cannot be permitted as currently shown on the Easement Plan. The Conservation Officer met with the Town Manager at the site to review other alternatives. The Town Manager feels that the bike path can be constructed with limitations so that it will avoid the Conservation Restriction and the destruction of important and high valued existing vegetation. CarMax will allow for some minor modifications to better allow the bike path to avoid these critical areas.

Member Buckalew Asked if the Selectmen approve any sort of path in the CR how are we going to keep the bike path from being built in that area. The Conservation Officer stated that Natural Heritage is now involved and they are in understanding that this path cannot be permitted within the CR.

Member Cushing asked if the communication was better would the Conservation Officer be able to change this outcome. The Conservation Officer stated that proper communication would have changed the outcome.

The Conservation Officer showed the Commission the bike path language and plan and the CR is not on the plan. The Commission was surprised to see this was overlooked the Conservation Officer explained how the plan was created to the best of his knowledge.

The Commission members will also attend the Board of Selectmen meeting tonight to answer or clarify and issues.

Member Buckalew motioned to sign the CarMax Perpetual Trail Easement memo dated June 28, 2016 subject to clarification that the Conservation Restriction be marginally referenced on the

Perpetual Trail Easement Plan when it is accepted by the Board of Selectmen seconded by Member Cushing, motion passes 5-0.

Member Buckalew motioned to adjourn seconded by Member Cushing, motion passes 5-0.
Time of Adjournment_____6:50pm_____

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheri Rullie, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Koenigsberg