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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2017

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Brown, Chairman, Robert McMaster, Jim Roberts and George Reich

Staff: Melissa Graves

Community Preservation Applications

Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Management Project

The summary of this project includes selective cutting and harvesting existing white cedar trees and transplanting them in a controlled environment until they are mature enough to transplant back into the cedar swamp location. The project also includes harvesting a small area of 1-2 acres of mature maple and hemlock trees to create openings in the canopy surrounding the cedar swamp for the purpose of natural regeneration of the white cedar trees. Invasive plant species will be removed from the area and ongoing maintenance will be scheduled to prevent further spreading. A nature friendly trail in the cedar swamp area will be developed to enable observation of this rare wildlife community without damaging the native trees, animals and plants.

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve and sign the application to be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Management Project

2nd: Robert McMaster

In favor: Jim Roberts, Chris Brown and Robert McMaster

Abstained: George Reich

Thayer Brook Easy Woodland Trail

This project includes developing an accessible trail that meets or exceeds the American with Disabilities Act as well as incorporating interpretive features including educational stops, signs and wildlife viewing spots with benches. The trail would be designed and constructed in a manner that would make it navigable by all visitors, including those with mobility, vision or other physical limitations. This project is supported by the Wilbraham Commission on Disabilities as well as the Wilbraham Hiking Club, The Wilbraham Senior Center and The Open Space and Recreation Committee.

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve and sign the application to be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee for the Thayer Brook Easy Woodland Trail

2nd: Robert McMaster

In favor: Jim Roberts, Chris Brown and Robert McMaster

Abstained: George Reich

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:35 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: _____

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