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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2021

Members present via GoToMeeting #809179445 and being recorded: Chris Brown; Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Alice Colman, and Robert McMaster

Staff: Melissa Graves

- 5:00 PM Notice of Intent 644V Tinkham Road**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending the vegetation survey required by NHESP.
Motion: Bill Dane, Continue the public hearing until March 22, 2021 at 5:15 PM
2nd: Alice Colman
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman
- 5:10 PM Notice of Intent 650V Tinkham Road**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending the vegetation survey required by NHESP.
Motion: Bill Dane, Continue the public hearing until March 22, 2021 at 5:20 PM
2nd: Alice Colman
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman
- 5:20 PM Notice of Intent 544V Ridge Road**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending the response to comments from the Wilbraham DPW memo.
Motion: Alice Colman, Continue the public hearing until March 22, 2021 at 5:10 PM
2nd: Bill Dane
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman
- 5:45 PM Notice of Intent 20 Highland Ave (Cooley Drive Extension)**
The applicant has withdrawn this Notice of Intent. All of the work has been relocated outside the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.
Motion: Bill Dane, accept the withdrawal of the Notice of Intent from AC Homebuilding for the development of Cooley Drive Extension.
2nd: Jim Roberts
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman

Appointments

Desiree Narango – Migratory Bird Research

Ms. Narango joined the meeting to discuss the migratory bird research project she is currently working on in the area. She requested that her team set up several recording units for bird song, sticky tapes, and bird mist netting. The netting would capture the birds, then blood and fecal samples would be taken from them and then released. Ms. Narango indicated that migratory birds are attracted to urban areas because of the artificial lights. The three locations for the research requested would be Crane Hill Road, Thayer Brook and Rice Nature Preserve and would take place March – June and then August- October. Final documents would be forwarded to the Commission upon their completion.

Motion: Bill Dane, authorize Desiree Narango to conduct migratory bird research on the three properties requested staying off the maintained trails and supplies the Commission the final document research information

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman

Other Business

Model Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants

The Conservation Commission discussed adding regulations to the Wilbraham Wetland Bylaw regarding the availability to hire outside consultants on projects that are before them for review. They reviewed the MACC suggested language for adding the regulations to the local bylaw. One of the advantages of having this bylaw in affect is so the Conservation Commission can request a third party review for a large project or one that has many different components. The applicant would be responsible for paying the cost of the third party review.

Motion: Bill Dane, adopt the Model Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants in Section 16 to the Wilbraham Wetland Bylaw

2nd: Jim Roberts

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman

Motion: Bill Dane, adopt the Model Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants in Section 10.70 to the Wilbraham Wetland Bylaw Regulations

2nd: Jim Roberts

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman

Minutes: January 11, 2021

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve the minutes as written

2nd: Bill Dane

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Minutes: January 25, 2021

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve the minutes as amended

2nd: Bill Dane

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Robert McMaster, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:09 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on March 22, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

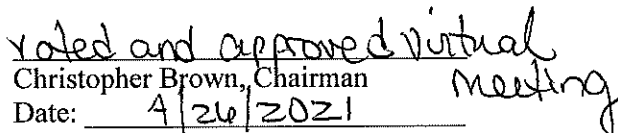
Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 4/26/2021



Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 4/26/2021

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