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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Chris Brown, Cathy Lawless, Stoughton Smead, William Meeker, James Murphy, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

7:00 PM Tree Removal Request – 8 Maynard Road

Mr. Couture (present) recently purchased this property and is having the house renovated inside and out including a new septic system. He has contracted with Excavation Plus for the new septic system and rebuilding two retaining walls. There are 2 trees that appear to be dead near the lower wall closest to the water's edge. Mr. Couture would like the 2 trees removed so he can restore the retaining wall. Several members of the Commission went to the site prior to the meeting. After speaking with Mark Stinsen at DEP, Chairman Chris Brown explained the process for completing a project so close to the river. A Request for Determination is required. Mr. Couture indicated that he would file the documents as soon as possible considering he would like to move in over the summer.

Other Business

Emergency Certificate: 12 Mile Brook (Ratification)

Motion: SS, Ratify the Emergency Certificate

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: Cathy Lawless, Stoughton Smead, William Meeker, James Murphy, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Discussion: Beaver Solutions LLC – 12 Mile Brook

The Commission reviewed and discussed the correspondence received from Mike Callahan regarding the pond leveling device for 12 Mile Brook. Mr. Callahan went to the site to assess the bridge situation and the rise in water because of a beaver dam built downstream. Unfortunately, based on Mr. Callahan's assessment, the watershed area is over 8 square miles that drains into this area and the 2 pond leveler pipes would not work to achieve the goal. He indicates that 4 large leveler devices would be needed and that cost would be almost \$10,000. At this time, the Commission decided to table this discussion. The Open Space & Rec Committee filed a Community Preservation Application for 2 pond leveling devices.

MESA Review Application 12 Mile Brook

Motion: Stoughton Smead, Authorize Chairman to file the application with Natural Heritage if deemed necessary

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: Cathy Lawless, Stoughton Smead, William Meeker, James Murphy, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Wilbraham Earth Day April 22, 2023

Funding Request

Motion: Stoughton Smead, donate up to \$500 for the Wilbraham Earth Day subject to specific allocation at the next meeting. Items needed are safety vests, gloves, and trash bags. An itemized list will be submitted.

2nd: Robert McMaster

In Favor: Cathy Lawless, Stoughton Smead, William Meeker, James Murphy, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Minutes: February 27, 2023

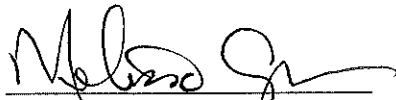
Motion: Robert McMaster, accept as written

2nd: William Meeker

In Favor: Cathy Lawless, Stoughton Smead, William Meeker, James Murphy, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

Having no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

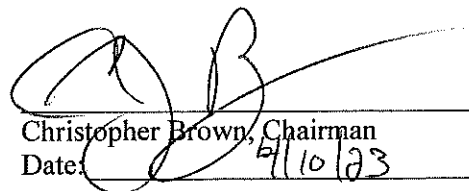
Submitted:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 4/10/23

Approved As To Form And Content:



Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 4/10/23