

**TOWN OF WILBRAHAM**  
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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2021**

**Members present:** Christopher Brown, Chairman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and Alice Colman

**Staff:** Melissa Graves

**7:00 PM Appointment Jay Taylor and Matt Fraser**

This is a continuation of the discussion regarding the construction of two replacement crossings on existing hiking trails. One would be located at the Oakland St Conservation Land and one would be on the Thayer Brook Conservation Land. The new crossings would replace unstable boards that are currently just placed on top of the ground and rocks. The crossing at Thayer Brook would be 16' long by 32" wide. And the one at Oakland Street would be 12' long by 32" wide. The cost would be approximately \$900. Mr. Fraser would be constructing the bridges with volunteer help. The bridge plans were reviewed by the Building Inspector and he indicated that the bridge specs were adequate for the span vs. width for both bridges.

The Thayer Brook location is within the polygon of Natural Heritage and they will need to review the plans. A Request for Determination will also need to be filed with the Conservation Commission for complete review and approval. This will be done in time for the next meeting.

**Other Business**

- **Minutes: April 12, 2021**

Motion: Bill Dane, approve minutes as written

2<sup>nd</sup>: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously in Favor: Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman and Robert McMaster

- **Minutes: April 26, 2021**

Motion: Bill Dane, approve minutes as discussed and amended

2<sup>nd</sup>: Stoughton Smead

Unanimously in Favor: Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman and Robert McMaster

- **2021 Deer Hunting Season – Conservation Properties**

The Town of Wilbraham allows archery only hunting of deer on 7 parcels of town-owned land.

The sites have not changed for several years and will remain the same for the 2021 hunting season as well.

**Motion:** Bill Dane, approve the 7 parcels for archery only deer hunting

2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert McMaster

**In Favor** Alice Colman, Stoughton Smead, Bill Dane and Robert McMaster

Other Business Continued


• **Emergency Certificate      Fernwood Drive**

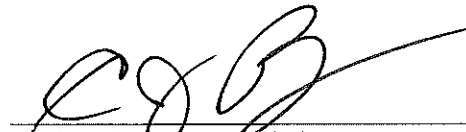
Damage was done to an electrical transformer which resulted in oil entering a storm drain and sheening was observed at the outfall and brook. Tighe & Bond and Clean Harbors were called in to clean the storm drain and sheen from the brook.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on July 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

  
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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant  
Date: 8/23/2021

  
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Christopher Brown, Chairman  
Date: 8/23/21