

PEPPERELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes – September 15, 2010

The Pepperell Conservation Commission (PCC) held a Special Meeting under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, §40 and the Pepperell Wetlands Protection By-Law. The meeting was held in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Elliott presiding, Masterson, Moody, Sauer, and Steeves; member absent: Rice. Rand was present in the audience, but had recused himself from the hiring process for a Conservation Administrator.

Other Business

Upon a motion by Elliott, seconded by Sauer, it was

VOTED: to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010 as drafted.

Upon a motion by Elliott, seconded by Masterson, it was

VOTED: to approve the minutes of September 8, 2010 as drafted.

Upon a motion by Elliott, seconded by Sauer, it was

VOTED: to correct the minutes of the August 17, 2010 Executive Session as amended.

Upon a motion by Elliott, seconded by Sauer, it was

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 Executive Session as drafted.

Upon a motion by Elliott, seconded by Sauer, it was

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 Executive Session as drafted.

Conservation Administrator's Report

Fisher reported that there were no appointments scheduled for the September 21, 2010 meeting. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Sauer, all

VOTED: to cancel that meeting.

7:10 p.m. Interview of Paula Terrasi for Conservation Administrator position

Elliott said that the Commissioners had already asked Terrasi lots of questions so he asked if she had any further questions to ask them. Terrasi said that she had been studying the MACC Handbook and asking Fisher many questions, and she felt that she was getting a good understanding of what a Conservation Administrator was expected to do. Elliott asked if she still was interested in accepting the job. Terrasi said that she definitely still wanted the job.

Sauer said that Terrasi was coming from a background focused on land protection. He asked if she felt comfortable with the regulatory aspects of the position. Terrasi said yes. Masterson

asked how Terrasi would proceed if something came up that she was unsure about. Terrasi said that she would ask the Commissioners for help and that Fisher had offered to be available also for consultation. Terrasi said that she could call Barbara Ganem in Groton. She also mentioned the DEP website, MACC Handbook and website, and the MSMCP membership. Elliott said that he regularly spoke to Fisher when she needed to consult and that he would be happy to help Terrasi as well. Steeves offered to help with questions about mapping or GIS.

Elliott asked if members of the audience had any comments. Russ Schott, John Ganem, Ellie McGuire, and Roger Goscombe all gave enthusiastic endorsements of Terrasi as the new Conservation Administrator. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Masterson, all

VOTED: to appoint Paula Terrasi as the new Conservation Administrator for the remainder of FY 2011. She would work 27 hours per week, compensated at Grade 7, Step 1, part-time hourly, to begin on October 18, 2010 after Fisher's retirement, with an additional 27 paid hours of training with Fisher, between October 4 and 15, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Fisher