

Present: Elliott presiding, Boeing, Dinsmore, Rand, Rice, Steeves Absent: Masterson

1/8/2019 - Minutes

1. Public Hearings, Public Meetings & Appointments

- A. Continuation Of Public Hearing Re: Notice Of Intent Filed By Eric Heider For Construction Of A Single-Family House, Detached Garage, Well, Sewage Disposal System, And Driveway At 148 South Rd. Within BVW And Associated Buffer Zone. THIS PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO JANUARY 22, 2019.

2. Review Of Draft Minutes

- A. Review Of Draft Minutes Of December 11, 2018  
On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all  
VOTED: to accept the draft Minutes of December 11, 2018, as amended.

3. Conservation Administrator's Report

A. Conservation Commission Breakfasts

The Wild & Scenic Sub-committee Study Group would like to see the return of monthly Conservation Commission breakfasts. Conservation Commission breakfasts were offered at the NRWA three years ago as a means of sharing information and educating Commissions on a variety of topics. The meetings were well attended. The invitation would initially be extended to Conservation Agents in the 11 Wild & Scenic Study Committee towns but the invitation may be extended to others in the future. MACC has offered to provide speakers/programs at the breakfasts.

B. Master Plan Committee Visioning Session And Meeting For Open Space And Recreation

The Master Plan Committee has scheduled a Visioning Session for community input on Conservation, Recreation, and Cultural Resources on February 7 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Pepperell Senior Center. The Conservation and Recreation Commissions are encouraged to attend. At the Master Plan Committee meeting on February 21 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM, a summary of the results of the Visioning Session will be discussed.

4. Other Business

A. Donation - Carl Hebert

Mr. Hebert made a generous donation to the Conservation Commission. A letter acknowledging his donation and his ongoing efforts to monitor and pick up trash on conservation properties was drafted and signed by the Commission.

B. DFW Land Interest Of Conservation Commission Parcel

Anne Gagnon with DFW has an interest in purchasing a piece of town conservation land on the Pepperell Dunstable town line in order to provide frontage to a parcel DFW would like to purchase from the Dunstable Rural Land Trust. Further discussions will take place at the next conservation meeting.

C. Falconer Training On Conservation Land

A falconer would like to use the Heald Street Orchard for falcon training and hunting. Terrasi will look into the practices followed by DFW for this activity and consult with others who might be able to provide input on allowing falcons to hunt conservation lands, especially areas where unique, and sometimes rare, birds are often reported.

5. Matters That May Be Raised That The Chairman Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

Rice provided a modified copy of the Conservation Commission Land Rules and Regulations. Suggestions were made to modify the order in which the rules are listed along with a few additional minor changes. Rice

will make the changes and provide a modified version for review and approval. Copies of the brochure for those Living Near Wetlands was also provided at the meeting. Suggestions for changes to the brochure will be incorporated into the brochure for review and approval.

Rice also suggested updates to the Conservation Commission webpage, including a section on why conservation land is important, as well as providing links to state and federal websites of interest. Rice and Boeing will meet to discuss and research additional information for the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Terrasi  
Conservation Agent