

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

10/9/2018 - Minutes

1. Public Hearings, Public Meetings & Appointments

- A. 7:00 PM - Appointment With Aidan Morehouse To Discuss Proposed Eagle Scout Project  
Eagle Scout candidate Aidan Morehouse presented his proposal for his Eagle Scout project to construct signs for the Town of Pepperell Conservation Commission property off River Road, which includes a portage for canoes and kayaks. The property is located behind the former horse trotting track with a right of way from River Road, which was donated by the Kemp family in 1982. Morehouse's project would include three posts, each with a sign, along the right of way, directing users to the town-owned land; a sign at the parking area "Town of Pepperell/Conservation Commission Land/Carry In Carry Out"; a sign directing users to the location for canoe/kayak portage; and a sign "Launch Canoes/Kayaks Here". Rice explained there were issues between the developer and the Commission. Morehouse was aware of the issues from his walk on the property with Rand and Terrasi. Rice suggested Morehouse work closely with Terrasi if he had any questions or concerns. Elliott asked Morehouse if he had paperwork to be signed. He did not, but he will provide the paperwork at a later date. When asked about fundraising, Morehouse said his parents would pay for the materials. Elliott said the Commission will provide up to \$400 towards the costs of the materials. Morehouse should provide his original receipts to Terrasi for reimbursement once the project has been completed. Morehouse is hoping to complete the project in the Fall or next Spring.
- B. 7:00 PM - Continuation Public Hearing Re: Notice Of Intent Filed By Eric Heider For A Single-Family House, Detached Garage, Sewage Disposal System At 148 South Road Within The Buffer Zone And Associated Buffer Zone.  
The engineer for the project requested a Continuation of the Public Hearing to November 13, 2018 to give him an opportunity to update the plan.

2. Review Of Draft Minutes

- A. Review Of Draft Minutes Of September 25, 2018  
On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all  
VOTED: to accept the draft Minutes of September 25, 2018, as amended.

3. For Signature: Schedule Of Bills Payable  
None

4. Conservation Administrator's Report

- A. Request For Certificate Of Compliance - 17 North Street, 259-518  
A Request for Certificate of Compliance was received, which included both a statement from an engineer that the work was completed in substantial compliance with the approved plans and a copy of the as-built plan. Terrasi reported she had visited the site, which has been stabilized. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all  
VOTED: to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 17 North Street, DEP File Number 259-518.
- B. Request For Certificate Of Compliance - 33-35 Hollis Street, 259-705  
Terrasi reported that additional information is required from the property owner and his engineer before this Request can be considered.
- C. Climate Change Resiliency And Sustainable Work Group - Vote Of Support From Conservation Commission For Conservation Tables And Recommendations After The Tables  
The CCRS Committee has been collecting responses from the Conservation Commission and other

departments to present to the Master Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC). Input to, and information in the Assessment Tables and the Recommended Actions, which were drafted after input from the Commission and other departments, will be used to draft a cohesive document, to be presented to the MPAC. The Assessment Tables evaluate Forest Habitats, Freshwater Wetland Habitats, and Fresh Water Rivers and Streams. The document will include an introduction explaining why Climate Change matters as well as the approach to be followed. The town hired the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) as a consultant to work with the MPAC to update the Master Plan with a goal to have a document to be presented to the Planning Board by August 2019. The CCRS Committee has been accepted by the MPAC to work with NMCOG to provide input on Climate Change and Sustainability. Current efforts are focused on land use, zoning, and housing. The CCRS will provide data to be meshed into the various sections/elements of the Master Plan. The CCRS will be providing input to NMCOG at the November meeting. On a motion from Rand, seconded by Elliott, all VOTED: to support the three Assessment Tables (Forest Habitats, Freshwater Wetland Habitats, and Fresh Water Rivers and Streams).

## 5. Other Business

- A. 161 Nashua Road Soil Reclamation Project - Letter To MA DEP From Conservation Commission  
Terrasi reported that she had spoken with Special Counsel for the 161 Nashua Road project earlier in the day and additional time is needed to draft a letter from the Conservation Commission.

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

### A. Eyes on Owls

Deb Spratt, Library Director, would like the Conservation Commission to be listed as a co-sponsor for the Eyes on Owls Program to be held at the Lawrence Library. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all VOTED: that the Conservation Commission should co-sponsor the Eyes on Owls Program at the Lawrence Library.

### B. Land Donation – Pepperell and Hollis, NH

Pitary's Homes in NH will be donating 46.8 +/- acres to the Town of Hollis Conservation Commission and Pitary's would like to donate a .38 acre parcel located in Pepperell, adjacent to the 46.8 +/- acres, to the Town of Pepperell Conservation Commission. On a motion from Rand, seconded by Elliott, all VOTED: to accept the .38 acres connected to the 46.8 +/- acres being donated to the Town of Hollis.

### C. NRWA Receives Mass Environmental Trust (MET) Grant for Culvert Evaluations

The NRWA will be able to evaluate 5-7 culverts in each community within the watershed as a result of grant funding received from MET. The NRWA contacted the Town Engineers within each community asking them to identify 5-7 culverts they would like the NRWA to evaluate. Data collected during the evaluations will be uploaded to the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC). Elliott said it would be helpful to evaluate the culverts on Sucker Brook. Elliott mentioned the culvert on the driveway leading into Keyes Parker Conservation Area. He also discussed the culvert at the Sartelle dam and another at Oak Hill with more culverts at common driveways that have not been evaluated.

### D. Natural History Walk with Pat Swain Rice Town Forest to Keyes Farm

The last Natural History Walk of 2018 will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Meet at the Town Forest and Picnic Area on River Road.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Terrasi