

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2017
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Marge Burris, Jeffrey Brousseau, Jeffrey Sepko, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria

Friends of Paderewski: Elaine Belanger, Tammy Duprey

Absent: Randall Paz

Staff: Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner, Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

Visitors: Art Marino, Curator, Tomasso Nature Park

A. Roll Call

A motion was made by: R. Lauria to move New Business to Number 1.

Seconded by: L. Lozier

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

B. New Business - Discussion on gap closure for the proposed Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

The Committee talked about "Alignment C" for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail.

The committee expressed concerns about Tomasso Nature Park and the proposal to go through the park to put in the trail. Mr. Marino talked about animals he saved and placed in that area after they were rehabilitated. The commissioners and Mr. Marino are very concerned with disturbing wild life.

There are also concerns with Perron Road with this proposal. R. Lauria explained that the residents that live on Perron Road were not aware of this proposal. Marge to send an email to Robert Lee about communicating to the residents.

Garrett explained to the commission that there will be another meeting in September to discuss this further. He will email all commission members when and where the meeting will be so that they may attend. He explained this meeting will a workshop. He also explained that "Alignment C" is not a final decision, it is a preferred alignment based upon an evaluation process for the proposed trail, and areas of concern will be further refined before the proposal is submitted to the Town Council for approval.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to return the regular order of business.

Seconded by: R. Lauria

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

C. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Discussion:

- Rosemary talked to the Town Clerk and a Fishing License is required to fish at Paderewski Pond.
- The committee asked about water testing in the pond. Garrett to follow up and communicate to commissioners.
- Lisa stated that the silt fencing had been removed from the shore of the pond after a Town owned drainage outlet was installed.
- Tammy brought in a picture of people swimming in the pond. Marge to inform Robert Lee.
- Lisa asked what Department is in charge of keeping the pond clean, pick up trash, fishing line, etc. Marge to ask Robert Lee and report at next meeting.
- Lisa reported that the rain is not helping the pond. It does not seem to be getting deeper.
- Tammy concerned about the lack of communication with the residents around the pond and the Town.
- Tammy reported that there do not seem to be any chipmunks left after the poisoning she reported. Tammy was not able to find out how the poison effects people. Marge to send an email to Shane Lockwood and ask him. Marge to inform commission what she finds out at the September meeting.
- Roberta received an email from Steve Trinkas about low impact development at the Pond. Roberta shared the email.

D. Minutes

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to accept the June meeting minutes as written.

Seconded: R. Lauria

All in Favor 5 to 0

Minutes Approved

E. Treasurer's Report

Marge went over the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by: L. Lozier

Second: J. Sepko

All in Favor 5 to 0

Report Accepted

F. Mail and Communications

Marge went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.

- Marge shared an email from Robert about the Heritage Trail.
- Marge shared an email she sent about the Heritage Trail.
- Marge shared an email from Roberta about the Tomasso Nature Park.
- Marge shared an email about Pequabuck River Watershed.
- Marge shared an email from Chad in Finance.
- Marge shared an email about the PEEP Project.
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G. Old Business

- A. Trails – No updates.
- B. Website – Marge updated it.
- C. River Clean up – Lisa shared that the next cleanup is September 30, 9 to 12 at the watershed.
- D. Earth Day – 2017 – Marge shared the amount of seeds that are left. The Commission agrees to store them in the cabinet for the winter.
- E. Fishing Derby – no updates.

H. Misc Items

1. Land Acquisition Committee – nothing to report.
2. Garrett informed the commission of two Wetland permits that were approved

I. Appropriations

None

J. Adjournment

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm

Second: R. Lauria

All in Favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary

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