



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pelham, Massachusetts

Minutes for August 30, 2018

PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, Tilman Lukas, David Gross, Meredith Borenstein

VISITOR: Bruce Klotz

Chair MacDonald brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Minutes

The minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting of the Conservation Commission were amended. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. The vote was unanimous and in favor.

The minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting of the Conservation Commission were amended. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes. Approved unanimously.

Recognition of Cynthia Weigel

Chair MacDonald proposed that the Commission recognize former Commissioner Weigel for her long service on the commission. Discussion about a memento ensued. A suggestion was made that the presentation be at the next Town Meeting.

Chair MacDonald said that former Commissioner Steve Funderburk and his wife will be in the Pelham area on Saturday September 15. They have indicated that they would like to get together with members of the commission. A suggestion that the commission could have a dinner for Ms. Weigel with the Funderburks in attendance was discussed.

Review of the Fennessy Conservation Restriction

The draft Conservation Restriction for the Fennessy parcel, produced by the Kestrel Trust, was circulated among the commission. As no problems with the language were found, a motion was made to support the adoption of the proposed conservation restriction language. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Outline for Future Activities on Buffam Brook Community Forest

The Commission discussed general plans for public access to the Buffam Brook Community Forest as prepared by Kestrel Trust. The Commission plans to take a field trip to the Community Forest while plants are still alive in order that wetland areas are easier to discern. Agent Borenstein, who has the one paper copy of the DCR-approved Forest Management Plan, will make a PDF copy of it and make the copy available to Commission members.

Timber harvesting Violation at Rte 202 and Quabbin Gate SH1

There was discussion of a violation letter sent to James Harrington dated August 23, 2018 by the DCR outlining timber harvesting violations and a request that James Harrington attend a fact-finding meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 at 10 AM at the DCR Central Regional Headquarters in Amherst. A copy of the letter was sent to the Commission by the DCR. Commissioner Lukas and Agent Borenstein plan to attend the meeting. The Commission will visit the site on Saturday, Sep. 1 at 10 AM.

Mosquito Spraying on Pelham Roads

Bruce Klotz enquired about mosquito spraying in town. Chair MacDonald told him that the Commission still has no information about the spraying.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Gross

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gross", with a stylized, cursive script.