



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pelham, Massachusetts
351 Amherst-Pelham Road
Pelham, MA 01002

Minutes of June 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Hartzell, Dana MacDonald, Cynthia Weigel, David Gross, Tilman Lukas

Others Present:

Chairperson Dana MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. Review of Minutes

Postponed

2. Buffam Brook Forest Stewardship Plan Contract

A forest stewardship plan was to be in place by the end of May. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) extended the deadline for a draft stewardship plan to be submitted in September. The stewardship plan is a template for how the town forest will be managed. A stewardship plan proposal from Michael Mauri was provided to Kat Deely of the Kestrel Trust. The proposal from Mr. Mauri raised some questions regarding budget and content. The commission will request work samples from Michael, and also ask for more details of what he will be producing. Other questions include; does his proposal account for a "draft only" version or does it include participation in open meetings and revisions?

The commission will request his attendance at a future meeting (June 29th depending on his availability- meeting to be publicly announced, or on our regularly scheduled meeting of July 13, 2017)

3. Conservation Agent Hire

A general discussion was had regarding the process for advertising and hiring a conservation agent. Expectations of position: initial contact point, mailings, paperwork, and potential monitoring of conservation restrictions.

4. Summer Schedule

Regular schedule except Aug 31 no meeting

The meeting was closed at 8: pm.

For the Commission

Kevin Hartzell
Member