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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**January 3rd, 2019, 7:00 PM****Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station**

Attending: Regina LaRocque, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Lise Olney; Laura Robert; Katie Griffith; Brandon Schmitt, Director.

Guests: Paul Merry, Advisory Committee

Public Speak: Mr. Merry inquired if there were any updates to the budget. Mr. Schmitt explained that there had not been any changes since the budget was last submitted to the Finance Department.

New Business/Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

Gas Leaks: After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to issue a letter to the Selectmen requesting that they sign on to a regional collaboration with other communities to work with utilities on repairing gas leaks. Ms. Olney will draft the letter and present to the Selectmen at their January 14th meeting.

Movie Series: Ms. McManus reported that in collaboration with the Sustainable Wellesley, the NRC would be hosting a Dinner and Movie night at the Wellesley Free Library on May 21st. The event would also tie into Rachel Carson's birthday.

Director's Report

Plastic Bag Ban: Mr. Schmitt reported that a group of Girl scouts had been working on plastic reduction and successfully lobbied the Selectmen to designate January as Bring Your Own Bag Month.

Vernal Pool: Mr. Schmitt reported excellent progress on the Vernal Pool boardwalk project.

Morses Pond Erosion Project: Mr. Schmitt outlined the prioritization for the 11 public sites at Morses Pond. DPW staff will be reviewing the plans for areas where they can assist with construction.

Approve Minutes

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approved the 12/20/2018 minutes as amended.

Other items not anticipated prior to posting/Schedule future meetings

Future meetings were scheduled for 1/24, 2/7 (now 2/6), 2/21, 3/7, and 3/21.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Schmitt, Director