



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

Approved 4-16-2020

March 30, 2020, 7:30 PM

Present: Katie Griffith, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Laura Robert; Nancy Braun, Brandon Schmitt, Director

Public Speak

No one spoke on a non-agenda item.

Director's Report

Department Update: Mr. Schmitt provided an update on NRC staff, as well as the Trails and Wetlands Committee currently working from home.

Open Space Update: Mr. Schmitt reiterated that playgrounds and playing fields are closed, and the board discussed social distancing and issues with off-leash dogs.

Current Town Projects: Mr. Schmitt reported on ongoing projects including the Lee project. He then read a statement from resident Nancy Stakun regarding postponing construction at the softball field due to health reasons.

Annual Town Meeting Planning/Update: This item was not discussed.

NRC Contract/Project/Gifts Update: Mr. Schmitt reported on the Duck Pond Project, as well as the Morses Pond Harvesting and Management preparation.

The DPW also outlined the following tentative schedule. Porous pavement vacuum: early April, Garden Irrigation: early May; Phosphorus inactivation: mid-May; Weed Harvesting: Early June; Morses Pond Erosion project: Mid-June.

Gift request for Joellen Toussaint: After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the gift from the Toussaint family of a bench at Simons park to honor Joellen.

Tree Protection and Planting: Mr. Schmitt provided an update on the public shade tree hearing for Williams Street, currently scheduled for May 4th.

Permits: Mr. Schmitt reported on upcoming work in the Town Forest for Enbridge.

New Business/Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

Wellesley Nature Challenge: Ms. Griffith provided an update on the City Nature Challenge, and encouraged everyone to participate.

Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting or previous items in progress: The board discussed a white pine at Clark Street. After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to remove this hazard tree.

Ms. Griffith read the Town Covid 19 Advisory.

Schedule Minutes/Approve Minutes

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the February 27 Meeting minutes.

Motion to Adjourn

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM.

A recording of this meeting is available on www.wellesleymedia.org

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Schmitt, Director.