



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2020, 7:00 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.

**New and Continuing Business**

**COVID Measures in Park and Conservation land:** The board discussed a citizen petition and ongoing efforts to re-open the athletic fields to coordinate the opening with Schools, Recreation, and Public safety to allow limited use of the athletic fields. *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Schmitt to develop signage and a plan to open the parks, pending School Recreation and ultimately the Board of Health approval.*

**Town Meeting Business/NRC Budget:** The board discussed the proposed election date and planned Annual Town Meeting, where the focus would be exclusively on those financial matters and Articles.

**Softball Construction Update:** The board discussed the final stages of construction at Lee Field, as well as the next steps for the Multi-use field. The board also discussed measures to remove the lighting at the Lee field dugouts.

**Gas Leaks:** Mr. Schmitt reported that he is participating in a Gas Leak webinar on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-2PM.

**Liaison Report:** Ms. Robert reported that the June guided trails walk is cancelled. Ms. McManus reported that the CPC had agreed to fund 400K for the Multipurpose field.

**Director's Report**

**Department Update:** Mr. Schmitt reported on the interview status for the Secretary position and reduced in-office staffing plan moving forward. Mr. Schmitt also provided an encroachment update for existing encroachments at Boulder Brook and Indian Springs Park. Ms. McManus suggested that a police report be filed. The board suggested additional education to re-direct the energy used in constructing those encroachments.

**Current Town Projects:** Mr. Schmitt provided an update on the Duck Pond and CPC inclusive playground equipment projects. He also outlined a request from the Town

Clerk to allow temporary election information signs as is required when the election date is changed. The board agreed to allow signage to be installed at major trailheads for a temporary period.

**NRC Contract/Project/Gifts Update:** This item was not discussed.

- **MVP Update:** The board discussed the most recent draft of the Action Plan Grant outline.
- **Permits:** This item was not discussed.

**New Business/Continuing Business/Liaison Reports**

- **Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting or previous items in progress:** N/A

**Schedule Minutes/Approve Minutes**

*After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the 5/7/2020 minutes as amended.*

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM