



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 23rd, 2019, 7:00 PM

Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall

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

Guests: See video

Public Speak

No one spoke on a non-agenda item

Tree Hearing

After a motion was made and seconded the board voted unanimously to approve the removal of the following:

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| 233 Oakland Street | 30" Norway Maple |
| 132 Oakland Street | 51" Red Oak |
| 10 Morrill Circle | 13" Locust |
| 175 Wellesley Avenue | 23" Swamp White Oak |
| 313 Linden Street | 23" Norway Maple |
| 11 Longmeadow Road | 29" Red Maple |
| Traffic Circle @ Ingraham and Benton | 20" Norway Maple |
| Corner of Forest and Berkshire | 26" Norway Maple |

Motions to remove the following trees failed, and the trees will remain.

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| 32 Beechwood Road | 32" White Pine |
| 4 Fletcher Road | 24" Red Maple |

Sustainable Building Guidelines

Marybeth Martello and Fred Bunger presented draft Guidelines for Sustainable Building for Municipal projects. The NRC supports the SEC's efforts and indicated their willingness to review and comment on, and support these guidelines to help the community meet its Green House Gas Emissions goals.

New and Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

- **Outreach and Education:** The board discussed educational opportunities at the Middle and High School with the NRC's Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Moore. The NRC and Ms. Moore will evaluate the curriculum and state standards, and look for complimentary environmental education programming and projects.
- **Squirrel Road Improvements:** Mr. Schmitt explained that roadway improvements would be needed soon on Squirrel Road, which is a scenic and unaccepted street. NRC property abuts a portion of the road on both sides. This may be a future capital request from the NRC.
- **Roadside and Town wide clean up:** Ms. McManus mentioned the commenting period for the DOT capital projects. The board agreed to send a letter to the DOT requesting additional resources for cleanup.
 - May 19th recap:** A volunteer group, led by Vaani Kapoor, cleaned up along Route 9 on May 19th.
 - Football team cleanup:** The Wellesley High School football team is planning a community clean up on August 26th.
 - Wellesley Wonderful Weekend:** The board discussed waste generated at the Wellesley Wonderful Weekend event, and opportunities to reduce waste and clean up after the event. The board also discussed the potential prohibition of balloons at NRC properties, and will address that at a future meeting.
- **Water/Wellhead protection:** Ms. Robert reported that efforts to protect the watershed and wellheads could be incorporated into the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program.

- **Grow Green Wellesley:** Ms. LaRocque remarked on the video that is one of the most watched video on Wellesley media. Ms. McManus reported that comments had also been sent to Representative Fernandes' office and to the League of Women voters.
- **City Nature Challenge Update:** This item was not discussed.
- **3R working group:** The 3R working group had a meeting where they recapped previous accomplishments and discussed goals for the future.
- **9-11 Memorial Tree @ Simons park:** The board reviewed a proposed commemorative plaque for the Dawn Redwood tree planted at Simons park.

Director's Report

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness:** The Town expects to hear back about the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program grant by the end of the month.
- **Lee and Hunnewell field update:** A site plan approval hearing for the softball field project is expected to open on July 11th.
- **Tree Preservation Bylaw:** Members of the Planning Board expressed their interest in reviewing the bylaw.
- **Contract Updates**
 - Morses Pond:** Mr. Schmitt solicited three quotes for Pond Management services, and will share the submittals after the closing date of 5-31.
 - Fuller Brook Park Invasive Management:** Mr. Schmitt signed a contract renewal with Parterre, who has been effectively managing invasive species on the property in collaboration with the DPW.
- **Permits, if any:** The board discussed adding waste reduction efforts to NRC permits, as well as the MWRA water buggy.

Approve Minutes/Schedule future meetings

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the 5/9/2019 minutes as amended.

Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Schmitt