



TOWN OF WELLESLEY

MASSACHUSETTS

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2020, 5:30 PM

**Present:** Katie Griffith, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Laura Robert; Jay McHale; Allison Burson; Brandon Schmitt, Director

**Public Speak**

Mr. Wayne Everett read an email from Nancy Stakun regarding lights at the Track and Field.

**Tree Hearing**

*After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to remove the following trees:*

20 Beechwood Rd	Two 33" white pines.
580 Washington street	1, 4" locust
5 DUXBURY ROAD	20" and 22" Norway maples
Kipling rd. (20 Emerson rd.)	23" Sugar maple
45 FAIRBANKS AVENUE	30" Sugar Maple
14 Oakdale Ave	36"+ white pine
473 WESTON ROAD	8" white ash
44 Inverness	Double Stem Cottonwood.

*After a motion was made and seconded, and in response to feedback from the owner of the property, the board voted unanimously to keep the tree at 8 Middlesex at this time.*

**Appointments** - *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to appoint the following residents to their respective committees:*

**-Wetlands Protection Committee:** Toby Stover, James McLaren

**-Trails Committee:** Denny Nackoney, Steve Park, Miguel Lessing, Bob Brown, Joan Gaughan, Diane Hall, John Schuler, Ekaterina Zemlyakova, Jeff Zupan, Laura Robert

**-Weston Rd. Gardens:** John Spencer, Bruce Diamond, Kathleen Woodward, Bill Giezentanner

**-Brookside Gardens:** Catherine Johnson, Jeanne Mayell, Lemonia Fotiadis.

**New and Continuing Business**

- **Liaison Reports:** Ms. Griffith provided an update on the June 12, 2020 Playing Field Task Force Meeting. Topics of the meeting included permitting various sports groups, the Lee Field dugout lights, and the aqueduct and Track and Field bathrooms.

Ms. Robert discussed the issue of informal trails on both Town and private property.

- **Electric Leaf Blower Educational Forum co-sponsorship with Sustainable Wellesley:** *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted in favor of co-sponsoring an educational forum with Sustainable Wellesley, to be held online on July 28 from 1-2PM.*

## **Director's Report**

- **Department Update:** Mr. Schmitt reported on the Secretary vacancy, end of year budget process, and contract renewals.
- **Town Project Updates:** Mr. Schmitt reviewed possible pre-cast bathroom options for the Aqueduct restrooms. The board discussed desired design features, including limited and environmentally sensitive lighting, water bottle filling stations. Ms. McManus asked that Design Review Board be asked for comments.
- **New Drop-box at Town Hall:** The Board also discussed adding a second, larger drop-box to the grounds at Town Hall in order to accommodate the expected increase in dropped-off ballots for the upcoming elections. The Board approved of the request, pending a review by the Design Review Board, and also hoped that the existing box would continue to be used, as well.
- **Permits:** Mr. Schmitt reviewed a permit request from Café Mangal to use a portion of Town Hall Green for Outdoor dining. *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 3-1 in favor of issuing a permit for one month.*

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

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

Mr. Schmitt discussed an emergency permit application from the DPW to breach an abandoned Beaver dam in Rosemary Brook west of Cedar Street.

- **Schedule Minutes/Approve Minutes**

The board scheduled meetings for July 2, July 16, and July 30.

## **Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Brandon Schmitt, Director**

