



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Approved 7-18-2019

June 20th, 2019, 7:00 PM
Room 008, Warren Building

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

Guests: David Hickey, Town Engineer; Sandy Joseph; Nancy Braun

Public Speak

No one spoke on a non-agenda item.

New and Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

- **Appointments to Wetlands Protection and Trails Committee**
After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 4-0 in favor to appoint Richard Howell and John Adams for a 3-year term to the Wetlands protection committee effective July 1, 2019 through June 30 2022.
After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 4-0 in favor to appoint Denny Nackoney, Steve Park, Miguel Lessing, Bob Brown, Joan Gaughan, Diane Hall, Jared Parker, John Schuler, Ekaterina Zemlyakova, Jim Pugh for a 1-year term to the Trails committee effective July 1, 2019 through June 30 2022.
- **Naming of Hunnewell #2 in honor of Diane P. Warren.** Ms. Joseph reported on the Warren families' excitement about the project. Diane P. Warren fund has raised 11K to date, and believes they can meet their goal of \$20,000. After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously that the field be renamed the Diane P. Warren field pending Town Meeting approval.
- **Tree Planting Program:** The board discussed strategies to expand the tree planting program. Mr. Schmitt inquired about supporting the purchase of an auger to help expedite planting efforts.
- **Activity at Russell Road/Morses Pond:** Ms. LaRocque informed the board about illegal activity in the area reported by a neighbor. Wellesley Police responded and issued citations. The board discussed installation of signage and agreed to install standard Town signage.
- **House Bill 853: An Act to assure the attainment of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goals in the Alternative Portfolio Standard.** *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to send the letter drafted by Ms. McManus.*
- **Charles River Watershed Association Climate Compact:** *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to submit an application to the Climate Compact.*
- **Pest Control and Improvements at Perrin Park:** Mr. Schmitt informed the board of a request to treat for ticks and mosquitos at Perrin Park. The board also discussed a process for approving treatment for poison ivy, as well as possible improvements to the basketball court.
- **Spencer Meyer Presentation Outreach:** Ms. Robert suggested that the WCC and NRC would like to provide a letter and link to the presentation and material to the Selectmen, CPC, Advisory, and Planning to review the materials.
- **Outreach and Education:** The board reviewed 2 articles in DPW Newsletter.
- **Roadside and Town wide clean up;** The board discussed ongoing efforts to coordinate with the High School football team for a cleanup, currently scheduled for August 26th.
- **Grow Green Wellesley:** Mr. Schmitt reported that three students who had written to the NRC were interested in joining the NRC when they provided testimony at State House for the pesticide pre-emption bill.
- **Current Town Projects:** The board discussed the Tailby/Railroad Lot and Wellesley Office park development projects.

Director's Report

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program:** Mr. Schmitt announced that Wellesley had received confirmation that the Town was awarded an MVP grant, and planning for the planning process would begin soon.
- **Lee and Hunnewell field update:** Mr. Hickey described the updates to the field, including the dugouts, stormwater management wetland area, scoreboards, tree removal and protection.
- **Contract Updates:** Mr. Schmitt reported that final designs were in development for the Duck Pond bridge and they would be submitted for Design Review and then brought back to the NRC for approval.
- **Permits**
 - The board approved a permit request for a movie clocktower park.

Approve Minutes/Schedule future meetings

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 5/23/2019 as amended.

Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35PM