



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Approved 10-24-2019

October 3rd, 2019, 7:00 PM

Warren Building Room 008

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

Guests: Paul Merry, Advisory Committee

Public Speak

No one spoke on a non-agenda item.

New and Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

- **FY21 Budget Discussion and Approval:** *After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the FY21 NRC and Morses Pond Budgets.*
- **Retreat Recap:** The board reviewed and accepted the notes from the 2019 Summer retreat and discussed additional options to make them publicly available.
- **FUTURE Act Resolution Discussion:** The board discussed a draft resolution in support of the FUTURE Act, and agreed to send a request to the Selectmen.
- **Tree Planting and Preservation**
The board discussed the possibility of preserving the Hunnewell oak. Mr. Schmitt will investigate a quote for relocating the tree. Ms. Robert updated the board on the status of potential revisions to the Tree Preservation bylaw. The board discussed outreach and publicity for the public tree planting program.
- **Outreach and Education**
Ms. Robert gave a recap of the North40 weekend, which was well attended. 50 attendees at the Trails Walk. 528 Observations and 117 on the day of. The board discussed future events and ways to publish the results of the bio-blitz, including the bulletin boards and on Wellesley media.
Ms. LaRocque reported that she had met with members of the school committee and local educators with the goal to promote environmental education in the schools.
- **Playing Fields Task Force:** Ms. Griffith provided an update on the PFTF, including work and future meetings scheduled for the Lighting subcommittee.
- **Roadside and Town-wide clean up:** The board congratulated and thanked the swim team for their recent clean-up efforts, and discussed upcoming clean ups on October 5th, 6th and 12th.
- **Grow Green Wellesley:** Mr. Schmitt reported that several bills involving pesticides and preemption were up for testimony on November 12th.
- **Statewide Plastic Bag Ban: This item was not discussed.**
- **Current Town Projects:**
Tailby/Railroad Lots, Wellesley Office park, Softball Fields, Morses Pond, Town Hall Annex, Playground Master Plan
- **Watershed/Wellhead Protection**

Director's Report

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program/Charles River Compact**
Mr. Schmitt reported on progress on the MVP program.
- **NRC contract/Project Updates**
- **Permits, if any**
-Enbridge Transmission line @ Town Forest

Approve Minutes/Schedule future meetings

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the 9/7/2019 and 9/19/2019 minutes as amended.

Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting

N/A

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon Schmitt

Brandon Schmitt, Director