



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7:00 PM

Great Hall, Wellesley Town Hall

Approved 11.21.2109

**Present:** Katie Griffith, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Nancy Braun; Brandon Schmitt, Director

**Guests:** Jeffrey Zupan; Jake Merrick, Virginia Braccia.

**Public Speak**

No one spoke on a non-agenda item

**Trails Appointment**

*After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Zupan to the Trails Committee effective immediately for a term ending on June 30, 2020.*

**Tree Hearing**

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

24" White Oak	167 Benvenue St
33" Norway Maple	7 Duxbury Rd
22" Norway Maple	6 Alhambra Rd
17" Norway Maple	6 Alhambra Rd
24" Red Maple	9 Wilson St
20" Sugar Maple	41 Cliff Rd
23" Sugar Maple	21 Duxbury Rd
27" Sugar Maple	19 Kipling Rd
13" Norway Maple	347 Washington St
17" Norway Maple	347 Washington St
24" Norway Maple	15 Tennyson Rd
27" Sugar Maple	314 Walnut St
27" Norway Maple	6 Emerson Rd
21" Norway Maple	45 Damien Rd
14" Norway Maple	9 Damien Rd
19" Sugar Maple	73 Whittier Rd
25" Norway Maple	19 Shelley Rd
13" Norway Maple	8 Fiske Rd
16" Sugar Maple	8 Fiske Rd
13" Norway Maple	43 Fiske Rd
23" Norway Maple	2 Kipling Rd
31" Norway Maple	1 Highland Rd

Ms. Braccia reported that per her arborist report, the tree at 11 Parker Rd. was in decline and should be inspected again.

**Accessible Playground Proposal**

Mr. Merrick proposed adding sensory friendly playground equipment to Warren Park. The Commissioners applauded his efforts and encouraged Mr. Merrick to further pursue the idea.

### **Perrin Park Basketball Resurfacing**

**This item was not discussed.**

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

- **Tree Preservation, Planting**  
<https://timber.constantcontactsites.com/>, Bylaw Update
- **Gas Leaks:** Mr. Schmitt reported on a meeting with Town staff and board members who will coordinate with the utilities to prioritize Leaks of significant impact.
- **Outreach and Education:** Ms. Griffith reported that she and Ms. LaRocque will be meeting with the curriculum director and also described an educational offerings manual created by the Education coordinator.
- **Playing Fields Task Force:** Ms. Griffith reported the Lighting subcommittee report would be reviewed by the PFTF and sent to the NRC shortly, and edits were being considered for the Sound Policy. Ms. McManus suggested bringing in a professional to review the policy and information for guidelines based on existing conditions and current requirements.
- **Grow Green Wellesley:** The board discussed an upcoming legislative hearing on a number of pesticide related bills, where NRC members would be testifying alongside a group of Wellesley 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **3R Working Group:** Ms. Braun reported that the next meeting of the 3R working group was upcoming on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Current Town Projects**  
The board reviewed progress at the Tailby/Railroad Lots, Wellesley Office park, Softball Fields and Morses Pond.
- **Statewide Plastic Bag Ban:** This item was not discussed.
- **Roadside and Town-wide clean up:** This item was not discussed.
- **Watershed/Wellhead Protection:** This item was not discussed.

### **Director's Report**

- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program:** Mr. Schmitt reported that the MVP workshops were complete and a Public listening session was scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the Kingsbury Room.  
Workshop, Public Listening Session
- **NRC contract/Project Updates:** N/A
- **Permits, if any:** The NRC office has continued to work with the High School banquet group to permit the basketball courts at Hunnewell field.

### **Approve Minutes/Schedule future meetings**

The 10/24/2019 minutes were deferred until a future meeting.

### **Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting**

N/A

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

\* Times are approximate