

Conservation Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – October 25, 2022, 6 p.m. In Person
Facilitator: Grace Larson

Present for the Commission: Bob Armstrong, Grace Larson, Bob Nowak

Other Present: Mary Kay Costello, Brittany Nickerson, Louise Beckett, Assistant to the Commission

6:00 pm: Convene at 6 p.m. Grace opened the meeting. She noted that Bruton was not to be present, as his mother had died last week and he was out of town.

On a motion from Grace to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2022, Bob Nowak seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor

Financial Matters:

- *Invoices: Note from Mike Kociela, Town Accountant*
Mike said that for internal money transfers, he doesn't have a form, but he made the transfers previously requested. Such transfers will show as positive expenses/debits on the expense reports (issued quarterly). The problem is that we don't know if we charged the person for the advertisement in the *Recorder* or asked them to pay the bill. There's no visibility of the commission's approving the expenditure in our meetings. We should get a receipt back.

- *As Received*
None

Housing/Building Permits/site Visits

- *576 S. Deerfield Rd – Shed construction*

This is the former Holly Hobbie house - the large shed being constructed is not close to any water. AGIS doesn't show any water, but MassMapper does. The drawings sent by the contractor were not to scale and made it difficult to determine the distance between the house and shed. However, since there seems to be no buffer issue, the commission approved it.

Forest Cutting Plans

- *700 East Guinea Rd - Approved*

The commission had not approved this earlier as we did have wet areas/buffer - they now have their approval with the DCR number so we will file it.

Mail/Announcements

- *MSMCP – Note on Drought/Perennial Streams vs Intermittent stream*

Grace said she only send out such announcements if they are pertinent to the commission's business. MSMCP is associated with MACC (Mass Assoc. of Conservation Commissioners). This notice is only important because it addresses the current drought. The point is not to accept dry streams within a certain period of time as they could be perennial streams, not intermittent streams.

Certificate of compliance

- *Dry Hydrant Cert Of Compliance Release received*

This is the request reviewed at our meeting of 10/10/22 from Roger Clapp - it will be now be filed as he has his signatures.

Miscellaneous Matters

- None

Hearings

- None scheduled

Next Meeting: November 15

We are scheduled to meet on November 22, but if nothing pressing comes in, we can cancel it.

At 6:35 p.m. on a motion from Grace to close the meeting Bob Armstrong seconded, all said aye and the vote was unanimous in favor.