

**ANDOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
VIA TELECONFERENCE
May 26, 2020 4:00pm**

APPROVED

Conservation Members in Attendance:

Chairman Donald Cooper, Vice Chairman Kevin Porter, Commissioner Tom Brady, Commissioner Ellen Townson, Commissioner Jon Honea, Commissioner Alix Driscoll and Commissioner Floyd Greenwood. Staff members present were Robert Douglas, Conservation Director and Ben Meade Conservation Agent.

Chairman Cooper opened the Meeting with stating the protocol for remote participation and questions from the public.

ACTION ITEMS:

Fosters Pond Corp.

Present in Interest: Steve Cotton

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Request for approval of 2020 hydro raking and herbicide treatment of Foster's Pond.

The yearly report was provided and herbicide only applied to the affected areas. Jon Honea asked that the specification of in-water concentration to all treatments be added to the narrative of the yearly report.

Chairman Cooper asked for a Motion. Commissioner Honea made a Motion to approve as discussed, pursuant to Special Condition 12.28 the following 2020 treatment program for Foster's Pond:

- (1) Selective Sonar (fluridone) herbicide treatment of Foster's Pond;
- (2) Reward (diquat) herbicide treatment of Foster's Pond, including if necessary Dug Pond, contingent upon detection of spiny naiad in locations not treated with fluridone; and
- (3) Copper sulfate algacide treatment of Foster's Pond, including Dug Pond if necessary contingent upon detection of cyanobacteria.

And pursuant to Special Condition 12.5(1) of the Order of Conditions for controlling aquatic nuisance vegetation in Foster's Pond, as amended December 4, 2018, the Commission finds that the proposed changes to the list of hydro raking sites is insignificant to the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea – yes
Commissioner Driscoll – yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Bald Hill/Dog Park Land Swap

Present in Interest: Michael Lindstrom; Tom Urbelis

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Vote to Approve Bald Hill/Dog Park Land swap.

Mr. Douglas stated the land swap would convey the Bald Hill Composting Site and the Dog Park to the Town and the Conservation Commission would receive the Town owned Reichold property. Mike Lindstrom provided an update on the Warrant Article.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to Approve Article 18; it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved by a Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes
Commissioner Brady – yes
Commissioner Honea– yes
Commissioner Driscoll - yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes
Commissioner Townson – yes
Commissioner Greenwood – yes

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2020.

Commissioner Townson made a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda, it was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes
Commissioner Brady – yes
Commissioner Honea– yes
Commissioner Driscoll - yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes
Commissioner Townson – yes
Commissioner Greenwood – yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ LATE ITEMS:

Enforcement Orders

2 Hitchcock Farm Road- Mr. Meade reviewed the violations which occurred, vegetation clearing and tree cutting within the wetland and wetland buffer.

Commissioner Honea made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Porter and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes
Commissioner Brady – yes
Commissioner Honea– yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes
Commissioner Townson – yes
Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

83 Porter Road – clearing and removal of vegetation within a wetland and buffer.

Commissioner Honea made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea – yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

85 Porter Road – clearing and removal of vegetation in a wetland, buffer and buffer to a vernal pool. Commissioner Driscoll made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea – yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

0 Lowell Street – heavy equipment driven through the wetland along a stream that feeds into Fishbrook and alteration of a wetland and drainage.

Commissioner Brady made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Townson and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea – yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

12 Pleasant Street – removal and cutting of trees and mature vegetation in the wetland.

Vice Chairman Porter made a Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order; it was seconded by Commissioner Greenwood and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea – yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

Merrimack Access

Present in Interest: Michael Lindstrom, Tom Urbelis, Michael Mansfield and David Biancavilla

David Biancavilla presented a Power Point for the proposed Master Plan for access at the Merrimack Reservation. An entryway to the boat launch for public safety and public access; a

road to run along the dirt road and sewer easement; reconfigure the entrance to enter onto Town land, not through GLTS parking lot; 18' wide gravel drive; parking area on upland for 18 cars; concrete boat ramps, a seasonal ramp and seasonal docks for the fire boat.

Phase I will include emergency access and public access to the River with a 18' wide gravel access along the existing sewer easement to access further into the property for public safety.

Most of this work is outside the 100 foot buffer.

Phase II will include widening the roadway to the boathouse; parking near the boathouse; seasonal docks and boathouse renovations and utilities brought down to the boathouse.

David then reviewed the permitting process for the project.

Chairman Cooper informed the Commission that this is the first time they are seeing this proposed Master Plan and it is for informational purposes only.

Michael Lindstrom provided an update on the preliminary design which provides public safety access which is the most important part of Phase 1. The design is part of the FY20 budget CIP.

Mr. Douglas asked that any comments or questions from the Commission be sent to him to be distributed to Mike Lindstrom or BSC Group.

Commissioner Townson asked about closer parking for people with ambulatory problems as the proposed parking is far from the River.

Commissioner Driscoll asked if paper plans would be provided. Once the surveys are completed, stamped paper plans can be provided.

Commissioner Honea asked of the wetland holds water. The slope drains from the school and it does pool in the wetland, but not over the top.

Tom Urbelis reminded the Commission to submit comments via email, but they need to be put on an Agenda for a future meeting.

Staff Updates

Dog signs will be posted as soon as possible. The revised signs are in. The use of our trails is way up and there have been minimal issues to date.

Mr. Douglas advised the Commission that Floyd Greenwood4th will be interning for the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm by Motion of Commissioner Greenwood; seconded by Commissioner Honea and unanimously approved by Rollcall Vote:

Chairman Cooper – yes

Vice Chairman Porter – yes

Commissioner Brady – yes

Commissioner Townson – yes

Commissioner Honea– yes

Commissioner Greenwood – yes

Commissioner Driscoll – yes

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2020 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynn Viselli,
Recording Secretary**

Consent Agenda

- Draft Minutes of March 3, 2020