



## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017

Attendees: John Bennett, Todd Hathaway, Sarah Brennan, Liz Wilson

Absent: Scott Pim, Sandy Goodspeed

Guest: Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental, Robert Blanchette, John Clarke

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 p.m.

### **Seacoast United**

Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental returned with a redesign to the proposed Seacoast United parking area expansion. Last month, he presented a plan which included approximately 17,000 s.f. in wetland buffer impacts. Based on the input from Commission members, the plan was redesigned so that parking was reduced from approximately 283 spots to 182 spots so that the proposal now only impacts approximately 1,108 s.f. of wetland buffer. There was further discussion of the storm water basin in the area and grading of the lot. The storm water basin would be vegetated and overflow from the lot would drain to the basin. Commission members voted unanimously to endorse the revised plan, which would be submitted to Planning on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Bike Project**

Todd reviewed ideas for a bike event next year to be potentially held at Folsom Park. There do not appear to be any restrictions on trail development, but we should confer with the Board of Selectmen to approve a potential plan. Todd and Sarah will work on a plan and soliciting volunteers to help with work and/or maintain a small trail network to be added to the existing small trail presently at the site.

### **Photo Contest**

Sarah updated us on the entries for the photo contest. We have received several excellent submissions so far. Once the deadline for submissions closes, the ECC members will narrow the finalists to five and then open the voting to the public. There is a notice regarding the photo contest on the Town Hall billboard and on the ECC website.

### **Website**

John has completed work on a process of submitting plans and other large electronic files to a cloud storage/file sharing system, such as Drop Box, for ease of sharing. The group also discussed creating a separate ECC Facebook page for posting and sharing events like the photo contest via social media. John is going to create the page and have all of the members listed as Administrators.



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### **Epping Elementary Project**

Liz provided an update on her work with Ms. Bates concerning a project for the upcoming school year for Ms. Bates' 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. The project will involve learning about local natural resources through some type of guided walk or scavenger hunt. Possible locations include Fox Run. Liz and Ms. Bates are exploring potential grant opportunities to fund expenses such as a bus for a field trip.

### **Monitoring Issues**

Todd identified a list of properties that are relatively large and do not appear to be monitored by another organization. At the next meeting, when Scott and Sandy are present, we can discuss the most at-risk properties and priorities and put out a call for volunteers and/or obtain quotes from other organizations to monitor the property for us and then possibly seek funding.

### **Little Egypt Update**

Mr. Blanchette and Mr. Clarke provided an update on their dealings concerning the Little Egypt parcel in their neighborhood. They have learned that the parties to the settlement agreement concerning the parcel have not appointed a holder for the conservation easement. They have asked whether the Town could be the holder of the easement if agreeable to the parties. The members discussed other properties where the Conservation Commission was listed as the holder for a conservation easement, but Todd will check with Brittany Howard to review this issue further.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Todd Hathaway, Secretary



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Minutes Approved:

Scott Pim 10/10/17  
Date

Scott Pim, Chair

Todd Hathaway 10.10.17  
Date

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John Bennett Date

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Sarah Brennan 10/10/17  
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Sandy Goodspeed Date

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Liz Wilson 10/10/17  
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