

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
LINCOLN CENTER DIRECTOR'S ROOM
May 12, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Clancy (Chair), Frank Belknap, Amberlee Clark, Bonnie Potocki, Helen Robbins,

ALSO PRESENT: David Laiuppa, Environmental Planner/Wetlands Agent
Mike Reilly, Donna Kaffenberger, Emily Rahlwes

Mr. Clancy convened the meeting at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes April 14, 2021

The April 14, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation / Discussion

- Ms. Rahlwes introduced herself and expressed an interest in joining the Conservation Commission.

Application Presentations

- Mr. Laiuppa discussed the following upcoming applications:
 - 50 Tufts Drive – wetland application – construction of a pool in the upland review area
 - Marsh Pond – wetland application – repairs and upgrades to stormwater outfalls into existing pond
 - 40 Commerce Road – wetland application – construction of a new transportation facility

Wetlands Permit Status

- Mr. Laiuppa status of the following permit applications:
 - 90 Union Street – wetland application – construction of a deck in the upland review area
 - Manchester Parkade
 - Center Springs Park Gateway

Wetland Agent Actions/Enforcement

- Mr. Laiuppa gave an update on the status of the active Cease and Correct Order against the owner of the active construction site on Wetherell Street. The owner of the project is working on meeting all orders associated with this action.

Communications/Training/Seminars

- Mr. Laiuppa talked about a Climate Adaptive Forestry presentation that he attended.
- Mr. Belknap talked about an invasive plant management seminar that he attended.

Reports

- Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (HRLPC)
 - Mr. Belknap said that they are mowing grass.
 - Ms. Kaffenberger said that they hope to create a pollinator pathway near Laurel Marsh.
 - Mr. Belknap told that Eversource trucks were driving in the Eversource right-of-way.
- Case Mountain Recreation Area
 - Mr. Clancy said that there was nothing new to report.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)
 - Mrs. Robbins said that they were planting chestnut trees on the Bush Hill Preserve.
 - Mrs. Robbins said that there would be a tag sale again soon.
 - Mr. Belknap said that they were going to create a “storybook trail” for children.
 - Mr. Belknap said that the Lombardo purchase was almost complete.
- Rail Trails and Greenways
 - Nothing new to report.
- Manchester Matters Bulletin
 - Mr. Clancy submitted Mr. Belknap’s article about bears.
 - Ms. Potocki said that there should be an article about the Tree Advisory Committee.
- Land Acquisition Committee
 - Mr. Clancy said that they had a second meeting about Bobby Lane on April 22.
- Manchester Sustainability Task Force
 - Ms. Kaffenberger said that she was trying to join the Sustainability Commission.
- Tree Committee
 - Mr. Weidner and Mrs. Clark are going to work on the Tree City USA application.
 - Mrs. Clark said that they would like the Tree Warden to attend Conservation Commission meetings quarterly.
 - Mr. Clancy said that it would be nice to involve schools with tree plantings.

Old Business

- Mr. Reilly said that he talked with NEMBA about working on management ideas for trails at Case Mountain.
 - Some ideas included:
 - Posting signs on trails where bikers and hikers interface
 - Close some of the extra bike trails
 - Get a volunteer force to repair some trails
 - Host an intro to mountain biking training or a bike rodeo
 - Mr. Clancy reminded Mr. Reilly that he should coordinate with the Town prior to doing these things.

New Business

- Ms. Kaffenberger said that there was Japanese Knotweed growing at the lower pond at Case Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

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