

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
LINCOLN CENTER DIRECTOR'S ROOM  
April 14, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pat Clancy (Chair), Frank Belknap, Ben Weidner, Laura Edwards, Amberlee Clark, Bonnie Potocki

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Laiuppa, Environmental Planner/Wetlands Agent  
Mike Reilly, Donna Kaffenberger, Gene DeJoannis (at end of meeting)

Mr. Clancy convened the meeting at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes March 10, 2021

The March 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Presentation / Discussion

- Ms. Edwards said that she would be stepping down from the Commission because she is moving out of the state to do work in Yellowstone National Park.
- Mr. Laiuppa talked about the ongoing efforts to create a Trail Construction and Maintenance Manual.

Application Presentations

- Mr. Laiuppa also discussed the following upcoming applications:
  - 90 Union Street – wetland application – construction of a deck in the upland review area
  - 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
    - Ms. Potocki asked if there would be a dewatering plan
  - 40 Commerce Road – wetland application – construction of a new transportation facility

Wetlands Permit Status

- Center Springs Park application was approved.
  - It was asked by the commissioners if the trees were properly tagged.

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

- There was some discussion about the Global Sustainability Conference.

## Reports

- Hockanum River Linear Park Committee (HRLPC)
  - Mr. Belknap said that they are waiting for the growing season so that they can mow grass.
  - Ms. Kaffenberger said that they hope to create a pollinator pathway near Laurel Marsh
  - Mr. Belknap told the Commissioners that there was an opportunity to acquire funding from Representative Larson's office to assist with work at Laurel Marsh.
- Case Mountain Recreation Area
  - Mr. Clancy said that there was nothing new to report.
- Manchester Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)
  - Mr. Belknap said that fundraising efforts for the Lombardo Farm purchase was almost complete.
  - Mr. Clancy said that there was a maintenance party.
  - Ms. Edwards talked about Earth Day celebrations.
- Rail Trails and Greenways
  - Mr. Laiuppa said that he was alerted by Ms. Edwards of some clearing operations near the East Coast Greenway. After some investigation, Mr. Laiuppa discovered that this was part of a CTDOT maintenance project that is permitted by DEEP.
- Manchester Matters Bulletin
  - Mr. Belknap said that there should be an article about bears and bird feeders.
- Land Acquisition Committee
  - Mr. Clancy said that the next meeting will be on April 22.
  - Mr. Clancy said that they heard a presentation about a property on Bobby Lane at the last meeting.
- Manchester Sustainability Task Force
  - Ms. Edwards said that subcommittees are being formed.
- Tree Committee
  - Mr. Weidner and Mrs. Clark are going to take on more responsibility as Ms. Edwards departs the committee.
  - There was more discussion about the Tree City USA application.

## Old Business

- No old business to discuss.

## New Business

- Mr. Reilly said that he would like to start an initiative to bridge the gap between the biking community and the hiking community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM

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