

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 22, 2016

Present: Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, Relf Fogg (7:13), Steve Brown (7:03) Tom Dube, Dave Tinkham alternate and Donna Martin, alternate.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

➤ **Public**

None

➤ ***Applications/ Approvals***

The Commission reviewed the following applications:

- Wetlands permit 100 Windy Point Road-retaining wall replacement

*S Brown joined the meeting.

➤ ***Consideration of Minutes***

1/11/2016

T Dube made a motion for the Wakefield Conservation Commission to accept the minutes of 1/11/2016 as submitted. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 5-0 it passed.

2/1/2016

N Fogg noted these minutes are because a quorum of the Conservation Commission was present at the Agriculture Commission meeting, but no action was taken. He stated that the Conservation Commission should discuss some guidelines for the Agricultural Commission.

T Dube made a motion for the Wakefield Conservation Commission to accept the minutes of 2/1/2016 as submitted. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. The vote was 5-0 it passed.

New Board Business

➤ ***Wetlands permit 100 Windy Point Road South***

The Commission discussed the proposed permit, specifically the area in the photos vs. the plan and that such outlined in step #4 is not an ideal surface as it is suggested to keep as much mixed vegetation as possible near the water, which is currently what is there.

*R Fogg joined the meeting.

N Fogg noted that the purposed of the review by the Conservation Commission is to encourage people to do the right thing, so he will advise the Conservation Commission suggests to leave as much of the natural vegetation as possible.

T Dube made a motion for the Wakefield Conservation Commission to sign the application as submitted, but to send a letter noting the Conservation Commission recommends leaving as much of the natural vegetation as possible. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. The vote was 5-0-1 it passed.

➤ ***Laurion/ McLaughlin Conservation Deed***

N Fogg noted at previous meetings they have discussed allowing camping and questioned if the members had any thoughts on how the Commission wishes to proceed on that matter.

D Mankus stated he would like to see camping allowed for youth groups.

The Commission reviewed and discussed allowing camping and determined to allow camping on a case by case basis with approval by the Commission.

D Tinkham stated he would like to see them allow use of ATV's similar to what is allowed on the Lavender property, noting such is becoming a popular sport especially in the North Country.

T Dube agreed such should be allowed and would have to ensure they enforce the rules to prevent any issues.

N Fogg noted he would make the suggested amendments for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

N Fogg provided a brief summary of the meeting with the Agricultural Commission and the concern that such was not allowed in large amount of the Town and is restricted to R1 & R2. He stated that some guidelines should be developed to define "active farms" as well as noting that such is allowed.

D Mankus stated that he would start looking into some options for trees for Pride Day so they don't run into the issue in the past of being sold out.

D Tinkham stated that he is working on revising the NRI Wildlife section and will bring the update to the next meeting.

➤ ***Any Other Business***

None.

Public Comment

None.

➤ ***Next Meeting***

The date for the next meeting is t/b/a.

Being no further business before the Commission, N Fogg entertained a motion to adjourn.

**T Dube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham.
The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio