

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jim Meadors, Peter von Mertens, Jim Henderson, Richard Selden, Ari Kurtz, and Jordan McCarron. **STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Gumbart, Angela Kearney

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tom Gumbart introduced Jennifer Burney, Director of Planning & Land Use. He noted that the owners of several properties between Silver Hill Road and Old Winter Street are exploring development scenarios that utilize a shared driveway off of Old Winter Street. Tom Gumbart, Peter Von Mertens and Jim Henderson attended a site visit with representatives of the MBTA at the Food Project to discuss the possibility of staging equipment and materials for installing safety mono towers along the tracks. Upcoming public hearings and forums are as follows: February 9th – Changes to the Lighting Bylaw; February 11th – Minuteman Technical High School; February 23rd – Special Town Meeting.

Angela Kearney offered a brief update on the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update and noted that she met with a member of the Ag Commission who is interested in continuing the Ag Mapping Project.

WETLAND FILINGS

7:45pm Request for Determination of Applicability. George Seeley. 212 Concord Rd (173-15-0)

The applicant proposed to install a replacement septic system within the outer Riverfront Area. Sullivan, Connors and Associates, land surveyor and civil engineers represented the applicant at the meeting. The current leach pit failed and is located in approximately the same location. The new system will be located on existing lawn, completely outside the 100-foot Buffer Zone Resource Area. The only alternative location outside the Riverfront Area will require the removal of several mature canopy trees. A new system will benefit the environment and the property. Should the plan be amended, the new plan must be submitted to the Conservation Commission.

Documents Reviewed During the Hearing: Proposed Sewage Disposal System, dated November 6, 2015 and revised December 7, 2015. A site visit was held on February 3rd. The Commission **voted 6-0** to close the hearing and issue a negative Determination of Applicability with standard attached conditions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Jim Meadors stated that he will step down from the Commission at the end of his term. Jim Henderson and Peter Von Mertens indicated their desire to be re-appointed for another 3-year term. In March there will be 2 Commission member openings. Conservation Staff will post a notice to solicit new members in the Lincoln Journal and Lincoln Squirrel. They will also send notice to local organizations, nursery schools and housing associations in hopes of reaching a diversified pool of candidates.
- The Stewardship SubCommittee met and prepared a list of potential capital projects and funding sources. They will refine the project list and prepare an article for Town Meeting requesting an appropriation from the Farm Revolving Account to complete the projects over a 2-year period.
- Richard Selden stated that the CPC approved funding for both projects that were requested.
- The Ag SubCommittee is scheduling their next meeting. They continue to work with Busa Farm to relocate his pigs. Jen Hashley and Peter Lowy are the new farmers at Codman Community Farms.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Commission voted 6-0 to issue an Order of Conditions to MA Audubon permitting the work.
- Order of Conditions Issued to MA Audubon Drumlin Farm. 208 South Great Rd (172-12-0)
- New homeowner packet distributed
- Bills paid and payroll signed

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Kearney, Conservation Planner