

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2020

Start - 7:00 p.m.
End – 8:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Christine Dugan, Kathleen Shepard, Ari Kurtz, Larry Buell, Jim Henderson, Susan Hall Mygatt
Staff Present: Jennifer Curtin

CONSERVATION REPORT

Tom Gumbart is on vacation and will return on Monday, February 24.

A brush burn was conducted by Conservation Staff at Browning Field at the end of the invasive clearing project done by Stacy Carter and Emma Coates.

Notice of Intent filing is expected to be submitted soon by MassPort for a new salt storage shed at Hanscom Field.

WETLANDS

7:15 pm – Notice of Intent: Gundy. 8 Bowles Terrace (186-47-0) – *Continued from January 29, 2020*

This project is for construction of a garage and the expansion of the existing driveway with related grading within the 100-foot Buffer Zone Resource Area at the property.

Attendees: Jennie Morris Gundy

Jim Henderson attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 6. Mrs. Morris-Gundy gave a brief update on the plan brought to ZBA and its differences from the plan last brought before the Conservation Commission. The ZBA is unwilling to grant a variance within the 50-foot setback of the front lot line which would be required for the garage to move forward from its current proposed configuration. The applicant is considering several options and will reassess the project to try and meet the requirements of both the ZBA and the ConCom.

The Commission voted 6-0 to continue the hearing to April 22, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUBCOMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Agricultural Subcommittee

The Subcommittee met on February 18. Mr. Kurtz gave an update on the meeting. The Umbrello Field will be licensed to Drumlin Farm for the last 3 years of the current 5-year cycle. The stand and parking area will be kept by Conservation for potential use in the future. Another applicant, Hannan Agro, was offered 2 acres of land at Ricci Field and they are considering it for food production. They would like to grow garlic on it which will need to be planted in October. The remaining 5 acres of that field will be used by Cupp & Sons to expand their sunflower production. The American Chestnut Foundation has been offered the Flints Field land that was previously farmed by Turtle Creek Winery. Mr. Henderson said that Drumlin was approached by LLCT to use a section of the Umbrello land for a pollinator study. They spoke with Mr. Gumbart who advised them that this would not be an acceptable use of the land as that this would be off track from the original plan of food production.

School Building Committee

Ms. Dugan gave an update on the school building project. The project is facing budgeting problems as there continue to be changes in the designs. The SBC is trying to reduce the \$3,500,000 overage in the budget estimate.

OTHER REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conservation staff are working on a wetland permitting process flow chart for how meetings run to simplify the process for both applicants and Commissioners. Mr. Gumbart is also working on a roster of subcommittees and liaison roles.

ACTION ITEMS

- Bills & payroll reviewed
- Meeting minutes from January 29, 2020 approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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