

## Lincoln Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2018

Start – 7:00 pm

End – 9:30 pm

**Commissioners present** – Peter von Mertens, Richard Selden, Ari Kurtz, Larry Buell, Ron Chester

**Staff present** – Tom Gumbart, Jennifer Curtin

**Attendees:** Robin Wilkerson, John Koenig, Jim Stolecki

### **Leaf Blower Bylaw Discussion**

Tom Gumbart suggested formatting and grammatical changes to the bylaw. He also wants to ensure sure that the Police and Building Inspectors be informed of the bylaw as they will be the enforcers. Richard Selden added that perhaps Sundays should be quiet days entirely. John Koenig replied that they did not want to infringe on homeowners' rights to use leaf blowers on their own land on Sundays. Ari Kurtz brought up that some in the agriculture community need the high powered leaf blowers for cleanup during the summer. The attendees said that if they need to use such equipment a couple of days during the summer perhaps that could be permitted if completely necessary. Mr. Kurtz added that there may be pushback since it stays light much later than 6 p.m. during the summer and people may want to use a leaf blower during that time. The Commission **voted 5-0** to accept the policy with discussed changes. Major changes going forward will need to be approved by the Commission. The Commission will support and present the bylaw at the March 9<sup>th</sup> town meeting but the Committee will take the lead in making the case for it.

### **CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The memorial bench has been installed at the Van Leer agricultural field for Rosalind Williams' late husband.

### **Water View Maintenance Policy**

Updates were made to the policy to include jurisdictional authority, expand number of trees required to be identified, and to clarify who will provide enforcement. The policy was **approved 5-0** with discussed changes.

### **WETLANDS**

**7:30 p.m. – Request for Determination of Applicability: Massachusetts Port Authority. 200 Hanscom Drive, Bedford (103-8-0).** For hangar replacements.

Peter von Mertens opened the hearing. The senior planner on the project, Jim Stolecki, presented to the Commission. Two commissioners were present at a site visit on Tuesday, June 19. The three T-hangars that are to be replaced are in a deteriorated condition as they were constructed in late 1960s with prefabricated metal buildings. They have experienced rusting and settling from heavy snow loads which has impacted the operation of the sliding doors. Because of this reason they will be replaced with new prefabricated metal buildings to be placed in the same location. The configuration will be different due to the size of the existing buildings. To be replaced at that length they would require sprinkler systems due to today's fire codes. Instead, there will be a space in the middle of each one 12-20 ft. wide to make 6 separate buildings that will not require sprinklers, just fire alarms. The wetland consists of a drainage swale. The buildings encroach into the 100 ft. buffer zone. A construction fence will be in place to contain vehicles, equipment and work. Most work will be done offsite. The buildings currently have concrete foundations and asphalt floors. The foundations will be reused and the floor will be replaced with concrete slab. There are existing catch basins outside of the buildings.

Mr. von Mertens asked what maintenance is done in the buildings and Mr. Kurtz wants to know what will happen if gasoline or oil are spilled. Mr. Stolecki says that they are required to report and clean up any spills but

is unsure the extent of maintenance that is done in the hangars. Demolition will be done in October with erection in November-December. Dr. Selden believes that the scope of the project may require a Notice of Intent. Mr. Stolecki said that if the buffer zone were vegetated then they would have filed an NOI, however since the area is not developed and the project area does not go beyond the buildings. Mr. Kurtz says that is seems like a replacement in kind and not altering the wetland area but said he would like to know more about the drainage system.

The Commission would like to know more about the drainage system, ditch areas, as well as the above ground, policies on spills and containment. The Commission **voted 4-0** to close and issue a positive Determination of Applicability and ask for Notice of Intent with the hearing to be held on July 11.  
(Only four commissioners were present for the presentation)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The schools voted on the L3 plan. The School Building Committee will host further meetings in the fall with a final vote coming in December.

Edits were made to trail etiquette notes. Signs will go up at trail entrances soon.

Beavers are still damming the Old Concord Road/117 culvert. The trapper has stated that this is not a time to trap since mothers are nursing. The pipe system should be revamped and the dams will be manually breached this summer since the water level is low.

Kurt MacLaurin has completed his bike for Conservation staff to use for trail maintenance.

The Commission signed off on a Conservation Restriction granted to the town of Lincoln by the City of Cambridge for the entirety of a 54.35 acre parcel (165-21-1) at 0 Winter Street, Lincoln.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Order of Conditions issued for Historic New England – 34 Codman Road
- Water View Maintenance Policy Approved
- Bills paid & payroll signed

Respectfully submitted,

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