

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2018

Start – 7:00 pm
End – 9:00 pm

Commissioners present – Peter von Mertens, Jim Henderson, Ari Kurtz, Larry Buell, Ron Chester, Christine Dugan

Staff present – Tom Gumbart, Jennifer Curtin

CONSERVATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Tom Gumbart met last week with Jack and Joanna Wise as well as with Dave Burke who did the wetlands delineation of their property. The homeowners plan to demolish the existing structure and build a new home on the existing footprint outside of our jurisdictional area. The property owners are going through the process with the Historic Commission. They may not be allowed to clear view to the Sudbury River based on 61b (recreation land/open space). From the Weis property, Mr. Gumbart observed substantial clearing on the neighboring property owned by the Orgels. It appeared that they have cleared up to the isolated wetlands, and perhaps into a vernal pool habitat. The property has had wetland delineation and the owners had previously cleared the project through the Conservation Department under the premise that all work would be outside of any buffer zone resource area. Mr. Gumbart will write a letter alerting them to the violation, ask for official delineation to be provided, and set up site visit with the Commissioners.

Heidi Nichols is working with Angela Kearney for Ms. Nichols’ delineation and restoration project.

Trail used by School children from Ballfield Road to Lincoln Road will be relocated off of the driveway of the Jones property on Lincoln Road to a more wooded location, still on the property, with the permission of the homeowner.

Complete Streets projects are complete. Erosion of new trail at Lee’s Bridge due to heavy rainfall will be fixed by conservation staff.

Water chestnut pulling in the Sudbury River will recommence tomorrow August 2.

Work has done by Conservation staff to clear brush and sediment at Pierce Park pond area.

Amanda Smith has been continuing to map the stormwater system in town. She has, at times, needed to access private properties to gather data. She will write up a letter to be posted to the Lincoln Squirrel and Lincoln Journal to inform homeowners of her work.

Beaver pond launch site repaired by Conservation Staff.

Field mowing season will start up soon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Drumlin Farm wants to construct a hoop house on their parcel on Old Sudbury Road near the Wayland line. Neighbors on all sides are concerned about how this will change their vista of the land/drumlin. The 1994 Conservation Restriction to the Lincoln Land Conservation Trust from Mass Audubon states no structures are allowed except for one wooden structure for animals which is already there. Conservation will leave it up to LLCT to interpret their CR.

The complaint from Angley & Angley regarding alleged correlation between horse at 21 Sunnyside Lane and bear sightings in Lincoln discussed. The Hedlunds will continue to remove manure from paddock and keep contained in wagon prior to removal off-site. Mr. Gumbart will follow up and continue monitoring the site. Conservation staff will also follow up with other town entities on issue.

School Building Committee

Christine Dugan gave an update on the SBC. Last week a meeting on plans for the building's external appearance took place.

DeCordova

Christine Dugan gave an update on the committee. Committee members were given copies of current and historical deCordova and court documents to review. They planned steps to be accomplished before Town Meeting in March when a vote will be taken to accept or refuse the proposed agreement between the deCordova and The Trustees (formerly called The Trustees of Reservations).

Agricultural Subcommittee

Codman Farm still needs to provide soil reports.

Action Items

- Order of Conditions Issued for Massachusetts Port Authority – Hangar Replacement
- Certificate of Compliance Issued for 7 Old Farm Road – Garage Replacement
- Grant of Conservation Commission Restriction signed for Vincent Mula, 7 Forester Road to permanently protect the inner buffer zone and wetlands on the property (house is built in Waltham)
- Meeting minutes from July 11 approved.
- Bills paid & payroll signed

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Curtin

Conservation Assistant