

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1967 - FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING - 2017

Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2019

Members Present: Haley Andreozzi, Serita Frey, Erick Berglund, Wes Golomb
Members Absent: Brian Adams
Visitors & Guests: A.J. Bruno

Serita Frey opened the meeting at **7:05 pm**.

Visitor A.J. Bruno introduced himself as a four-year Deerfield resident interested in membership on the Deerfield Conservation Commission. Most recently, Mr. Bruno worked on government humanitarian projects which took him out of the country, making it difficult for him to commit to DCC's meeting schedule. Mr. Bruno anticipates he will be now be available on a regular basis and would like to contribute his skills in Marine Science (Oceanography, Astronomy, Meteorology), along with his past involvement in conservation-related efforts, locally. Members invited Mr. Bruno to attend a few meetings to get a feel for the workings of the DCC before making a final decision, and for everyone to become better acquainted.

Wetland Zoning Ordinance: Haley Andreozzi attended the November 13th Planning Board meeting at which an edited draft of the **proposed amendments to the Deerfield Zoning Ordinance Section 210 - Wetlands Conservation District** was presented for the Board's review. Most Board members felt that there was good ecological reason to include all areas within 100 feet of the jurisdictional wetland area since there is already a building setback of 100 feet. An earlier suggested provision to require all newly created lots to contain 1 *contiguous* acre of upland soils was felt to be too restrictive from a planning perspective and has been removed from the proposal (current zoning does not require that the maximum allowable proportion of non-wetland soils be contiguous). Some suggested *Prohibited Uses* within the 100-foot area were salt or chemical storage, fertilizer, and gravel excavations. Further discussion of the final version of the proposed zoning is scheduled for the November 20th Planning Board meeting with a Public Hearing on December 11th.

Mathes Conservation Easement: Map 208 Lot 5 – North Rd

The recently conserved **Mathes property on North Rd has been donated in fee to Bear-Paw Regional Greenways.** Although the parcel continues to be protected subject to the terms of the March 26, 2019 conservation easement, it is unclear what, if any action, Deerfield needs to take as Executory Interest holder since Bear-Paw was the original grantee of that easement. It is felt that there is no immediate need to take any action since the goal of conserving the property is being met. The event, however, emphasizes the sentiment **that DCC needs to be part of the initial conversation on any future projects.**

Project Updates: Katrina Amaral from Bear-Paw reported that she, Al Jaeger and Will Frey walked most of the recently-blazed easement boundaries of the 128-acre Pendleton easement. Final easement language and the baseline report are pending. **February 2020 is the new anticipated closing date following final LCHIP review.**

Approval of Minutes: Serita Frey moved to approve the **minutes of the October 21st regular meeting.** Haley Andreozzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Finance: Erick Berglund reported that as of **October 31, 2019** the bank statement showed an *unofficial* balance in the Conservation Fund of **\$184,922.15** reflecting a deposit of \$520.00 representing DCC's 50% share of Land Use Change Tax for Third Quarter 2019 and interest of \$39.18. *Official* reports for August and September are still pending. Mr. Berglund moved to pay the following invoices:

\$100.00 - Bear-Paw Regional Greenways - 2020 Dues: Serita Frey, Second/Unanimous

\$100.00 - Lamprey River Watershed Association - 2020 Dues: Wes Golomb, Second/Unanimous

Mr. Berglund noted that two legal invoices incorrectly paid from the Operating Fund have been reclassified for payment from the Conservation Fund. Mr. Berglund will present the **2020 DCC budget to the MBC on Tuesday.**

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Turtle Crossing & Town Forest Signs: Resident Chris Carr has volunteered to coordinate creation of a replacement sign for the Dowst-Cate Town Forest with the Boy Scouts. Serita Frey sent a photo of the Freese Town Forest sign to Mr. Carr for reference. There has been no word on the Turtle Crossing road signs.

Easement Monitoring: Final monitoring of the Curry easement is still pending.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at **7:35 pm** carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2019

(Please check the website for scheduling changes)

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These minutes were prepared and submitted by Judy Marshall. Revisions, if any, will be contained in the minutes of the next meeting and posted to the Town website, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission