

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2019

Members Present: Haley Andreozzi, Serita Frey, Erick Berglund, Wes Golomb
Members Absent: Brian Adams
Visitors & Guests: None

The Chair opened the meeting at **7:10 pm**.

Wetland Zoning Ordinance: Serita Frey attended the November 20th Planning Board Meeting to clarify edits to the initial recommendations for the **Deerfield Zoning Ordinance Section 210 – Wetlands Conservation District**. The Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 11th** at which the proposed amendments will be presented. Chair Frey will follow up with Deerfield Planner Sylvia von Aulock prior to the hearing which is **scheduled for 8:15 pm** according to the Planning Board agenda.

Stewardship/Easement Monitoring: Bear-Paw has completed the 2019 monitoring of the Deerfield properties in which they hold an easement. DCC has received the reports for Clifford, Cruikshank, Cumings, Doane-Schorr, Marston Farm (Bye), Menard (James City), McGarry, Willoughby, Rosenfield-Mallette, and the Deerfield Town Forests; Chase, Dowst-Cate-Weiss, Freese, Hart, Lindsay/Flanders/Linden, McNeil, and Wells. Comments of note were:

Rosenfield-Mallette: Extensive invasive growth around pasture
Lindsay/Flanders: Discarded cable, breach in a stone wall and evidence of possible wheeled-vehicle use
Dowst-Cate-Weiss: Breach in stone boundary wall with evidence of some clearing and a brush pile; impacts possibly from an abutting property
Willoughby: Owner seeking forest management options/written management plan required per CE
Freese: Inadequate blazing

Reports will be sent to the members for review along with Kate Hartnett's matrix of Deerfield conserved properties. Based on the donor intent research performed for the Town Forest protection project, **Wes Golomb asked if there were any easements that might appropriately accommodate a solar array**. Mr. Golomb has been researching the savings that could be garnered if the GBW were powered by solar. Haley Andreozzi will look into the results of *The Nature Conservancy's* research on solar siting for information DCC may be able to use as a resource.

Fogg-Shores Easement: Serita Frey was informed by Bear-Paw of an email from Marily Marquis regarding the Fogg-Shores Conservation Easement on Griffin Rd. conveyed to the Town in 1996. Ms. Marquis indicated that the **two signs along Griffin Rd. that identify the easement have fallen into disrepair, and she requested that they be replaced**. Ms. Frey contacted the current landowner who indicated that at least one of the signs is still there and in reasonable shape (a photo was provided). **Members will review the terms of the easement deed and follow up with the current owner as appropriate.**

Corey Wildlife Open Space Subdivision: Members were reminded that the **terms of the 2017 conservation easement deed to the Town for the open space subdivision on Brown's Mill Rd. requires annual monitoring**. At the request of the Planning Board, NH Fish & Game (NHFG) submitted recommendations for the reclamation of the conserved area as outlined in its June 29th 2016 letter to the Planning Board and to the representatives of the grantor. **Members will review the terms of the Conservation Easement deed and related correspondence prior to monitoring.**

Approval of Minutes: Serita Frey moved to approve the **minutes of the November 18th regular meeting**. Haley Andreozzi seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Finance: Erick Berglund reported that as of **November 30th**, the bank statement showed an *unofficial* balance in the Conservation Fund of **\$184,960.15** reflecting interest in the amount of \$38.00. *Official* reports for August, September and October are still pending.

The previously approved invoices totaling \$200.00 for the 2020 annual dues for Bear-Paw and Lamprey River Watershed Association have been submitted for payment. Mr. Berglund also noted that the Conservation Fund balance has been adjusted for the two legal invoices incorrectly paid from the Operating Fund.

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Quarterly Report: Serita Frey updated the BOS on DCC's activities for the **4th Quarter 2019** at their December 9th meeting.

Project Updates: Katrina Amaral from Bear-Paw reported that discussion of the **Mathes North Road property's** conservation easement will be on its Land Protection Committee agenda for next week. The Mathis family recently conveyed fee ownership of the property to Bear-Paw, which also holds the easement on the property. Ms. Amaral also noted that **completion of the Pendleton easement is a top priority**. The LCHIP grant deadline is June 30, 2020. Bear-Paw has retained the services of a land protection/stewardship contractor to assist with project completion.

Regulated Wetlands & Shorelands – Permits/Applications:

- **NHDES – File#2011-02869WPS-7153D**
McCarron Rd – Map 413 Lot 7 – Violation: Site Restoration Plan deficiencies
- **Complete Forestry Notification** – NHDES File #2019-03605
Avis Rosenfield & Timothy Mallette – 193 Nottingham Rd – Map 416 Lot 38

Announcements/Correspondence/Reminders:

DCC received an announcement from Bear-Paw officially introducing **Katrina Amaral as its new Executive Director**.

Lindsay White, Asst. Project Manager with GZA GeoEnvironmental, representing Eversource, is tentatively scheduled to attend DCC's January 13th meeting. **An application for a Conditional Use Permit for structure replacement on the 391, 373 and 385 transmission lines** will be reviewed by members in advance of Eversource meeting with the Planning Board in January. Members will recall that this was the subject area for the Eversource grounding project earlier this year. There is expected to be an NHDES *Statutory Permit by Notification for Utility Maintenance* application (as opposed to a Wetland Permit application).

A motion to adjourn the meeting at **7:50 pm** carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13th, 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