

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 9, 2018

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, Jack Messe, Karen Miller, Lisa Oden, Kleta Dudley (SoRLAC Representative), Lori Rautiola

ABSENT: David McTigue, Matt Oliveira, Michael Bara

The meeting was called to order at the Town Office on May 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed. In the first paragraph under Committee Reports change the word "trust" to "criteria". Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Lisa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Bob reported a phone call he received regarding residents with junk cars in their yard. There was discussion on junk cars and how they could affect the groundwater. It was determined if someone was in violation of the junk yard ordinance it would be within the Selectmen's purview. Bob suggested the resident contact the Selectmen.

Lands: Bob mentioned spring is a busy season for wetland permits. He added NHDES is in the process of updating the wetland regulations and streamlining the process of the permits. In doing so the review period for the Commission will be reduced. Bob explained the process of wetland permit applications; once the Town Clerk signs the permit the Commission has 14 days to respond/intervene (14-40 rule). Timing is critical in cases where the Commission needs to intervene. A vote to intervene or not should be taken; Voting needs to be at a posted public meeting with a quorum, which can create complications as the Commission meets once a month. If it is an expedited permit, the Commission would need to sign it; if it is a standard permit the Commission does not need to sign it. Bob noted he was informed by the State if the site visit was posted, members can take a vote at the site visit, and it does not need to be at a regular monthly meeting. Bob suggested members visit the site at some point in order to follow proper procedures for the wetland permits.

Signs: Bob reported the sign for the Gridley River is now up.

Communications: The Commission revisited the Land Criteria worksheet. It was determined members would score each criteria on a scale of 1-3 (zero being a high score and three being a low score). Bob questioned the need for some of the criteria. Members discussed and made changes to the worksheet. The Commission made continual progress on the format and criteria of the worksheet. It was noted to check the current land criteria the Commission has to make sure nothing is left out. Bob suggested the Commission adhere to the Town's Master Plan for lands.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Rautiola, Secretary