

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Ficco
Larry Hamilton
Mercedes O'Donohue
Scott Orzechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Dale Smith-Kenyon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shanna B. Saunders, Director of Planning and Community Development.

The meeting was called to order by S Orzechowski at 6:06 pm. Please note that this meeting was held remotely due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency; all votes will be recorded by roll call as a consequence.

- 1) Approval of meeting minutes.
One correction – Votes – Dale's first initial is, in fact D not S.
Motion to approve as corrected by A Ficco, seconded by L Hamilton.

Vote:

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 6-0

- 2) **Public Comment**

No Public comments

- 3) **CONTINUED APPLICATIONS**

- A. Wentworth Douglass Hospital, is seeking conditional use permit for a 1-mile long nature trail in the wetland buffer on a property located at 23 Works Way, in the Commercial Industrial (CI) District, Assessor's Map 61 Lot 14B, CUP#08-2019

Applicant is in the process of remarking the trail and will need to resubmit the modified plan.

Motion to continue to next meeting by D Smith-Kenyon, seconded by A Ficco.

Vote:

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

S. Orzechowski: Aye

J. Rhodes: Aye

D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Motion Carries 6-0

4) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tracy Degnan of Rockingham County Conservation District regarding the Sunningdale NRCS Open Space

Tracy is a manager at the RCCD; they hold the easement for the Sunningdale parcel. The NRCS has a map in place and they've submitted restoration components of the work. They have a good habitat for cottontails, reptiles, etc. They'll handle the hiring and notifications for restoration work. They'll likely want to remove trees to restore a shrub-filled wetland habitat; in the Northwest of the property, there's a wet area with substantial ATV impact. Substantial cutting is planned with this work. Board as a whole voiced concern with this work.

S Orzechowski noted that we'll need a copy of the easement. S Saunders agreed to forward that out.

S Saunders will look to take part in the meeting with the NRCS on this to discuss the plan. Tracy will return to the commission in July for a more in-depth discussion of proposals for the site.

- B. Any new business that may come before the Commission.

None

5) OLD BUSINESS

- A. MEMBER ITEMS, SUB-COMMITTEE ITEMS, AND REPORTS

S Orzechowski mentioned a fair amount of white pine yellowing that may be due to fungal infections from wetter weather.

A Ficco noticed soil being removed from the St Marten's cemetery near the old wellhead area; there may be fill occurring there. Lots of Japanese Knotweed at the cemetery. S Saunders will check in regarding the activity. Activity is also occurring on Copperhead Rd; there's cut and fill going there.

Wetland incursion near Maplewood school has been corrected.

- B. Update regarding the property at 53 Coles Pond Road

Signed Purchase and Sales. RFQ out for Survey; 1 firm has responded with a good quote. S Saunders is working to get the survey and subdivision plan in motion. Survey company will develop plan for subdivision; we'll approve that and then do a hazmat review.

- C. Any other member and sub-committee items and reports

Sarah McGraw Small will be moving to Springfield and resigning her commission as a result. She'll be missed!

Malley Farm Cottontails: Meeting to review set for next week. We'll hopefully have a plan to progress following that.

- D. Any other old business that may come before the Commission

None

A Ficco moves to adjourn, D Smith-Kenyon seconds

Vote:

A. Ficco: Aye

L. Hamilton: Aye

M. O'Donohue: Aye

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S. Orzechowski: Aye
J. Rhodes: Aye
D. Smith-Kenyon: Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeremy Rhodes
Conservation Commission Secretary