

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of May 12, 2021

Members in attendance: Bob Stephens, Brian Silva, Andy Laroche, Lise McNaughton, Jim Nishina

Selectmen in attendance: Jonathan Frizzell

Alternates in attendance:

Public Present:

- Leroche made a motion to accept April's meeting minutes. Frizzell seconded the motion.

- Town Properties and Easements: N/A

- Goals and long-term agenda:

Stephens is still working on the Conservation Commission's charter. No progress made on the Conservation Committee handbook.

Stephens request that members of ConComm go on ConComm's Facebook page. He updated the page with a webinar from Fish and Game on the impact of Climate Change and the effects on wildlife.

- Property Reviews

Stephens wants ConComm to research if other Commissioners have other ideas or ways of creating a means on conserving land. ConComm to research lands that could be project ready for conservation. Efforts by Conservation groups and Land Trusts on purchasing of certain properties to that could be part of this wildlife corridor. McNaughton has a list of potential properties that could be a good starting place. NHDES helps with funding of these properties but moves on pretty quickly.

ConComm to take a more proactive role on a list of lands that could be provided for mitigation. This will be helpful for when lands are applying for development.

The statute does not allow for ConComm to create a fund for depositing developer mitigation funds for conserving land. ConComm can provide the list to NHDES – they can steer the money to the town if we could make a good case for it.

- Memberships:

Frizzle met with the selectmen and memberships for Silva and Wrighton were approved for another 3 years, as well as Alternate Jess Balukas.

- Bills and reimbursements:

ConComm's budget was cut back due to Covid and other Town concerns. ConComm has a land conservation fund of 75,000 dollars. ConComm will have some expenses come up. Stephens asked Town Administrator Karen Clement to have an Town Counsel review the letter of agreement with SELT for Meadows Mirth Farm conservation.

Next meeting June 9, 2021.

Nishina made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laroche seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Brian Silva