



Town of Sterling

Conservation Commission

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In attendance:

Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Ms. Smith, Ms. Valentine, Mr. Michalak, Mr. Pavlowich

MINUTES

STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-February 4, 2020

BUTTERICK BUILDING- Basement Level (B03) 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting
3. Old business-Follow-up Items from Warrant articles/ Grant applications (If any)
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Government study committee- session with Bob Kimball -
 - 4.2 146 Pratts Junction Road Storm-water
 - 4.3 Forest Stewardship future applications Mr. Marro reviewed Stewardship applications that were approved for Hall Ave and Park Street. The Hall Ave was for a bird habitat cut in cooperation with Mass Audubon
 - 4.4 Trails Conference and MACC spring conference –MM noted there was still time to apply to the annual MACC Conference for members that were interested
 - 4.5 Follow up on Tree City Designation (if any)
 - 4.6 Open Space discussion items (if any)
5. Enforcement/Investigation- CONTINUED: Enforcement Conference work in the buffer zone
- 32 Redemption Rock Trail

Investigation into tree cutting at Hall AVE. Mr. Marro noted that He had monitored a prior complaint of cutting and has found there has been no intrusion to date in the buffer zone and will continue to monitor.

- 5.1 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups – Mr. Marro noted that the work on Princeton Road has held well over the winter season and does not anticipate any issues.

6. Certificates of Compliance/Extension permits

7 Agents Report

- 7.1 Storm water updates
- 7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting update (plans)
- 7.3 Treasury Report- update – Mr. Marro reviewed the amounts in the commission receipts accounts
- 7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Whitman and Bingham Associates)

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by a motion of Mr. Pineo and second by Mr. Michalak

7:40 PM : Continued meeting:

In accordance with MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended, there will be a public hearing on a request for a determination by NEADS Inc. for the modification of a driveway at 333 Redemption Rock Trail in the 100 foot buffer zone and Riverfront.

Maryann Dipinto representing outlined the areas protectable resource for the commission. It was noted that while the area for work was within the riverfront, the river was across the street and the area is all previously altered. Mr. Marro recommended a negative determination. He noted that the inspections by Associate O'Neill and MR Emsley confirmed Ms. Di Pintos reporting.

Mr. Michalak motioned for a negative determination. Mr. Emsley seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve the motion.

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