



Town of Sterling

Conservation Commission

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In attendance: Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr Michalak, Ms Smith, Mr. Pavlowich, Ms. Valentine, Associate O'Neil, Associate Shelton. Staff: Mr. Marro

MINUTES

STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING-January 21, 2020

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

1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved by a motion of Mr. Pineo and a Second by Ms. Valentine with a unanimous vote to approve.
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Open Space Maintenance updates – Ms. Valentine reported that the work we had on the overlook property has been going smoothly.
 - 4.2 Forest Stewardship future applications -
 - 4.3 NRCS Funding for cutting plans – Mr. Marro reported that he is working with NRCS to obtain funding for any of the bird habitat cutting that would not generate revenue to offset the cutting costs. There has been a slow response however, he is still pursuing it.
 - 4.4 cutting plans for Bird habitat on Hall Ave and Butterick Mr. Marro noted that Gary Gouldrup is working on the cutting plans for the Park Street Lot at town hall and the Hall Ave property.
 - 4.5 Trails Conference and MACC spring conference Mr. Marro will send further information to the members that expressed interest in going
 - 4.6 Issue on Mortimer Road – Mr. Marro noted the flooding issue of the Dell Property. In speaking to the commission, Mr. Marro will work with Ross Perry on any permitting issues involved
 - 4.7 Malone 61 A The Commission decided not to pursue by a motion of Mr. Pineo and a second by Ms. Valentine with a unanimous vote to approve.
 - 4.8 Ms. Valentine spoke to the committee about a tree city USA designation. She outlined the standards that would need to be met. Ms. Valentine moved to work to meet the tree city USA requirements for the DECEMBER 31, 2020 filing deadline. Mr. Pineo seconded and the commission voted unanimously
5. Enforcement/Investigation- Enforcement Conference work in the buffer zone 32 Redemption Rock Trail – Mr. Marro noted that he and the Building Commissioner have stopped site work in the buffer zone. The owner will be coming to the February 5, 2020 meeting
 - 5.1 Prior enforcement action wrap up Mr. Marro noted he is completing the action at Princeton Road and will be working with Mr. Tulley to finalize. He noted the current efforts appear to be working exactly as the commission calculated
6. Certificates of Compliance/Extension permits



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7 Agents Report

7.1 DEP regulation revisions (proposed by commonwealth)

7.2 Forest Stewardship grant and Forest cutting update (over run incomes) Mr. Marro reported in between meetings, the commission received another 2000 dollars

7.3 Treasury Report – update Mr Marro reported a current balance of 71,752.61 as the previous weeks

7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Bohler Engineering) Mr Marro and the commission viewed the proposal. Whitman and Bingham Associates is going to also submit a proposal. They are meeting with Mr. Marro this coming week.

7.6 Mr. Marro introduced Kyle Shelton as an associate member candidate. After discussion, Mr. Pineo moved to approve as an associate member, Ms. Valentine seconded and the commission voted unanimously.

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8: 30 PM by a motion of Mr. Pineo and a second by Mr Michalak and a unanimous vote approving the motion.