



Town of Sterling

Conservation Commission

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MINUTES- Regular meeting May 1, 2018
7:00 PM Butterick Municipal Building

Present: Chair Roberti ,Vice Chair Pineo, Ms Valentine, Mr Curtin, Mr Michalak

1. Meeting Notices and communications.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting

3. New Business

4. Old Business

4.1 Follow up on all warrant articles from town meeting

4.2 Ratification of warrant article

4.3 Continued Discussion of forest stewardship - Paul Cormier from 17 Elliot Road spoke to the Commission Concerning invasive species that have taken over a large former orchard to the point it has become impenetrable. He noted that the invasives are migrating to Elliot Road. He also indicated that he spoke to U MASS extension and they recommended an invasives management program.

Mr. Marro indicated that he viewed the Justice Hill area and agrees that there is a potential for a severe problem that is occurring.

Chair Roberti indicated that as DCR is the largest landowner in this area the commission could reach out DCR for assistance.

Mr. Cormier indicated that UMASS is able to come out and hold a public outreach session to educate residents. Chair Roberti indicated that a combination of this commission, OSIC and DCR can likely combine to start some public outreach and investigate any grant programs. Mr. Curtin recommended that Mr. Cormier also go to speak to the DPW Board to see what programs they have existing and how they may be able to help as well.

The Commission is going to examine having U MASS extension to inquire if they can come to the Sterling fair in the fall as well. Mr. Marro is going to speak with state officials to examining the regulations.

5. Enforcement –

6. Certificate of Compliance –

7. Agents report to the Commission:



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7.1 Update on Budget, Annual Report – MR Marro reported that the Budget has been submitted on time with a level funded budget and will attend a finance committee meeting if they want him present to answer questions.

Public Hearing

7:45 PM :Pursuant to MGL ch 131 s 40 as amended there will be a Public meeting on a Notice of Intent for the Upgrade of a septic system and other modifications to a single family home at 109 Clinton Road by Bradford Site Development

Curte Plante appeared before the commission, explained the proposal, and oriented the commission as to the location of the wetland. He pointed out the erosion control. He explained he is making a 2 family and the total bedrooms will still be three. Mr Curtin issue a negative determination and Mr. Michalak seconded and the commission voted unanimously