



Town of Groveland
Economic Development, Planning & Conservation Department
Conservation Commission
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APPROVED July 13, 2022
 MOTION: Grim made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Bartelt seconded the motion. Voted: Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

BOARD: Conservation Commission
TOPIC: Monthly Meeting
MEETING DATE: June 8, 2022
MEETING PLACE: Public Safety Building and Zoom
TIME: 7:00 PM
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: M. Dempsey, S. Bartelt, F. O'Connor, T. Grim
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: B. Formosi, T. Schaefer
GUESTS: Annie Schindler (Environmental Program Coordinator (EPC)), Garrett Moynihan (Rep for 55 Main St), Greg Wick (6 Merrimack River Road)

MOTION: Grim motions to open the meeting at 7:09 PM on June 8, 2022. Bartelt seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

6 Merrimack River Road – Information discussion regarding potential garage

Wick: I was originally in front of the Commission regarding this project in 2019, but it got stalled because of COVID and I would like to pick it up again. I would like to put a garage where my existing shed is, maybe about 24x26 feet. The shed would be no closer than 50 feet from the wetland.

Grim: The whole thing would be within the 75 foot no build zone.

Dempsey: Was the shed permitted? That would be good to know before making a decision.

Wick: The shed was there when we moved in 9 years ago.

Schindler: I will look through the file and see what I can find.

Bartelt: I think we should do a site visit.

COMMISSION: A site visit at 6 Merrimack River Rd on Saturday June 18th at 9 AM.

Approval of April 13, 2022 & May 11, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Bartelt motions to accept the April minutes with the minor spelling error, and the May minutes. Dempsey seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

38 Benjamin St Ext – Invasive knotweed

Schindler: The developer has been trying to manage this invasive problem. The Planning Board is also concerned about this issue.

Dempsey: The knotweed is not going away, I sent them the UMass Amherst informational sheet, and if they follow that the knotweed wouldn't go away for three years. I would like a professional to weigh in on how to handle this. We should write a letter to the Dehullu's saying we want the invasion evaluated professionally and that they should get back to us in a month.

Veasey Park – Washington Street Parking

Dempsey: I spoke with Renny about this and he is going to think about it. I have changed my mind and think we should put a fence up rather than boulders, although getting a fence would probably require a grant.

Grim: A fence also would require maintenance while boulders would not. Plus, we have free boulders.

COMMISSION: We will continue this until the next meeting.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to enter the hearing portion of the meeting at 7:32 PM. Bartelt seconds. Dempsey seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

55 Main Street – RDA/GRDA Replacement Deck

Schindler: The Commission saw a filing for this property last month for replacement siding that had been rotting. They are back today with plans to replace the deck on the back of the house.

Moynihan: That is correct. The replacement deck will be smaller than what is current there. We were hoping to be able to use a mini excavator to take down the old deck, otherwise doing it by hand will take too long.

COMMISSION: What is the topography like?

Moynihan: It is almost flat, a slight slope down to the river.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to allow for the replacement of the deck at 55 Main Street within the River Front area, with the same constraints as the siding, and no machinery within 100 feet away from the resource area/stream with 50 feet of silt fence at the 100-foot buffer. Grim seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

86 Washington Street – GRDA Tree Cutting

Schindler: There are two trees that are about 70 feet from the resource area that the homeowner would like to take down. They are both fairly small, about 12 inches in diameter. Very straight forward.

MOTION: Grim motions to accept the proposal for the tree removal at 86 Washington Street. Bartelt seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to close the hearing portion of the hearing at 7:50 PM. Grim seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

Annual Appointments

O'Connor's appointment expires June 30, 2022, would like to get reappointed.

MOTION: Bartelt motions for Dempsey to be appointed Chairperson for the Conservation Commission from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. O'Connor seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Grim motions for Bartelt to be appointed Vice-Chairperson for the Conservation Commission from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Dempsey seconds. Voted 3-0-1. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, abstains. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to authorize the Chairperson to sign documentation for the Conservation Commission from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Grim seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to appoint Schindler as the Conservation Agent for the Conservation Commission from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Bartelt seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Dempsey motions to appoint Vanessa Lopez, Doug Soper, and Carol Funcion as Conservation Agents to perform the day-to-day management of Veasey Park from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Bartelt seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

MOTION: Bartelt motions to appoint Dempsey as Commission Representative to the Community Preservation Committee from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. O'Connor seconds. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.

Environmental Program Coordinator Update

Schindler: Things continue to be slow as far as applications. Have been performing regular site visits to project locations and Lower Center Street. I will be fully MACC certified by the end of June, I just have one more course to take.

Calls, meetings, and upcoming projects

Dempsey: I will be meeting with Schindler sometime soon to start planning our upcoming fiscal year projects, like updating trails, signs, etc.

Grim: How is the Community Trail coming along?

Schindler: They are making great progress but the trail is still closed to the public as they continue to finish the trail.

Open Discussion

Dempsey: I put in a couple of requests for transfers and some were approved, this will go to using LaserFiche, etc.

Bartelt: I would like to revisit how we can serve as a resource for invasive species management for Groveland. Maybe we can add some information on the new website or film something for the local access TV station.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is on July 13, 2022 at 7:00pm.

MOTION: Grim motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Bartelt seconds the motions. Dempsey, aye. Bartelt, aye. Grim, aye. O'Connor, aye. The motion passes.