

Town of Andover Conservation Commission

October 29, 2019

Andover Town Hall Community Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p by Chairman Michael Palazzi.

Commission Members present: Mike Palazzi, Carrie Crompton, Maryann Gile, Gary Gile

Commission Members absent: Hank Gruner. Gary Gile was seated in Hank's place.

Public Present: Meghan Lally, representing Andover IWWC; and Maria Tulman, considering joining the Conservation Commission.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Request by Maryann Gile that we add discussion on item 7, date of next meeting.

Suggestion by Mike Palazzi that we move item 6b (discussion on Conservation Commission support of the IWWC) to the front of the meeting, so that Meghan Lally would not have to sit through the whole meeting before giving her presentation (recorded under 6b below).

3. Approval of September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Carrie Crompton to accept the minutes

SECOND: Gary Gile

VOTE: 4/0/0. Motion PASSED.

4. Public Speak – None

5. Old Business:

a) C.A.R.T. Update

Mike Palazzi provided the commission with an update of the program. The three groups currently participating are the Boy Scouts, the Cub Scouts, and the Food Pantry. The Boy Scouts are doing two sessions per month, and the sorting is getting done on a weekly basis.

b) Land Donation

Hank Gruner and Carrie Crompton have been asked by Riley Doherty, Environmental Programs Coordinator for CT Resource Conservation and Development, to serve on an Environmental Review Team (ERT) that will be conducting a natural resource inventory on the existing town parcels as well as the three parcels proposed for donation to the town. This inventory will likely happen in November. Once it is complete, the Conservation Commission will be prepared to make a proposal regarding the land donation to the Board of Selectmen.

c) Update on new members. See item 6a below.

d) Training in November.

Carrie Crompton and Maryann Gile will attend the CACIWC conference November 23. Maryann's registration is at no cost to the Commission – Meghan Lally won it at a meeting, and she did not need it, so she signed it over to Maryann.

- e) Update on trail repair behind A.E.S. There have been two work sessions so far. Both of the old bridges made 20 years ago by Andover Boy Scouts have been replaced with stone. More work sessions need to be scheduled in November.
- f) Update on material removal on Route 6. This project is proceeding well, though more slowly than originally planned. Hank Gruner is on call in case of any questions regarding impacts on wetland structure and/or fauna.

6. New Business

- a) Interview with Maria Tulman.
Maria indicated that she is interested in joining the Commission, but would like to attend another meeting before she is sure she'd like to commit to a term.
- b) Discussion on Conservation Commission support of the IWWC
IWWC Chair Meghan Lally reported that the town has hired a new wetlands agent, Josh _____. She also requested that the Conservation Commission consider sending one or more members to IWWC meetings, so that the CC can keep abreast of applications being submitted. Following an initial submission of an application, there is a 14-day window in which individuals or groups can file a petition to bring the application to a public hearing. If the Conservation Commission has any input for the IWWC regarding concerns about plants and animals in a wetlands area that would be impacted by construction, this is the best time to voice our concerns. We should also remember that we can contact the land use attorney, Mark Brand, if we have questions.

7. Next Meeting: scheduled for November 26, 2019 @ 7:00p (Andover Town Hall Community Room)

Maryann Gile requested that we change this date to the following Tuesday, December 3, so that members of the Conservation Commission can attend the November 26 program by Bruce Coburn on Fisher Cats at the Andover Public Library. Mike will look into the availability of the Community Room on December 3, and let the Commission know if this is possible.

8. Meeting Adjourned

MOTION: Gary Gile motioned to adjourn, SECONDED by Maryann Gile.

VOTE: Motion passed 4/0/0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

These meeting minutes are subject to approval by the Town of Andover Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Crompton