

Town of Andover Conservation Commission

December 3, 2019 (Special Meeting)

Andover Town Hall Community Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

Commission Members present: Mike Palazzi, Carrie Crompton, Hank Gruner, Gary Gile was seated in Maryann Giles place, Maryann joined the meeting in progress.

Commission Members absent: None

Public present: Maria Tulman, considering joining the Conservation Commission.

2. Approval of the October 29, 2019 minutes

A motion was made by Carrie Crompton to approve the minutes with a second from Gary Gile. The motion passed 4/0/0.

3. Public Speak

None

4. Old Business

- a. C.A.R.T. Update: Mike Palazzi provided an update on the program. Participating groups are submitting their November and December reports with payments expected to be disbursed in January.
- b. New Member Update: One member and one alternate seat are open on the Conservation Commission. Maria Tulman has been invited to fill the member seat and she attended the October meeting and this meeting and is considering the invitation.
- c. Trail Repairs behind A.E.S. Update: Trail work has been completed for the year with work to resume in the spring of 2020. Carrie Crompton noted that water was collecting at the entrance to the trail as a result of drainage from the parking area. The standing water appears to drain within 48 hours.
- d. Material Removal Rte. 6 Update: In November Hank Gruner conducted a site visit to the gravel extraction operation to review the project with the Town's recently hired Wetland Agent, Josh Snarsky.

5. New Business

- a. Land Donation and ERT Update: The Environmental Review Team (ERT) is scheduled to meet on December 13, 2019 from 12:00 – 4:00 PM to complete the parcel review. The ERT team

will meet in the Andover Town Hall Community Room from 12:00-1:00 PM to review maps and prepare for the field investigation which will take place from 1:00-4:00 PM. Carrie Crompton and Hank Gruner are participating on the review team.

- b. CACIWC Training Update: Carrie Crompton and Maryann Gile participated in the annual CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission (CACIWC) training program held in Cromwell, CT in November. Maryann discussed and shared several documents including the *2019 Environmental Scorecard* put together by the CT League of Conservation Voters and informational brochures addressing Lyme disease, pet waste and the importance of deadwood in forest management. Maryann also shared information regarding a new initiative that is seeking volunteers to plant a hybrid strain of American chestnut.

Carrie Crompton distributed and discussed a document summarizing the keynote address from the CTDEEP Commissioner which addressed the Governor's Council on Climate Change, and the growing concern over PFAS (perfluoroalkyl substances) in the environment. Carrie summarized the workshop sessions that she and Maryann attended. These sessions addressed water quality standards and classifications, the role of natural land stewardship in addressing climate change, and protecting water systems in CT.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Andover Town Hall Community Room.

7. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Carrie Crompton to adjourn the meeting with a second from Hank Gruner. The motion passed 4/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Gruner

