

Town of Andover
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
Town Hall Community Room at 17 School Road, Andover, CT
Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Mike Landolphi called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call / Seating of Alternates

Members Present: Chair Mike Landolphi, Ed Smith, Jed Larson, Wayne Thorpe

Members Absent: Rick Osborne, Jim Hallisey

Alternates Present: George Elliot

Alternates Absent: Meghan Lally

Wetlands Agent Present: John Valente

Others Present: Selectwoman Julia Haverl, Conservation Commission Member Carrie Crompton

George Elliot seated for Rick Osborne

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Old Business

- a. Conservation Commission application to improve access at Doris E. Chamberlain Nature Pond via Hebron Road and neighboring trails
(Chamberlain Nature Pond Trail and Percy Cook Trail)

Wetlands Agent John Valente expressed importance of project due to concern of traveling through the Andover Elementary School property during school hours of operation and impassible wet conditions of the trails.

Carrie Crompton presented the 'Narrative for Andover Conservation Commission Permit Application June 2019: Approaches to the Percy Cook Trail'.

She explained the importance of access to and from the Chamberlain Nature Pond Trail and the Percy Cook Trail.

The Conservation Commission received written approval from the Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC by Kyle Neilson SR/WA, Right of Way Agent (Lands and Rights of Way).

Carrie explained progress of trails and the increased awareness and popularity of biking and walking in town.

John Valente inquired if the Conservation Commission has determined how the materials will get to the trail.

Carrie Crompton stated that Bike Walk Andover Chair Eric Anderson has made a strong suggestion in getting the materials placed around the back and at Chamberlain Pond parking lot, and to have extra materials stored at the town garage.

Bike Walk Andover will be in charge of remarking the trees to re-identify the trail system.

Chair Mike Landolphi inquired about the commission providing a trail map to share with the public. Carrie Crompton would like to have an opening day with Bike Walk Andover (BWA) who will work to promote the trail. BWA is working on having nice professional maps of town trails created and published in the near future.

Jed Larson asked if BWA is responsible for coordinating the trail improvement project. Carrie Crompton shared that yes, Eric Anderson the Chair of BWA will head up the project working with both the gravel company labor and committee volunteerism.

John Valente shared that our town has relied very heavily on Carrie Crompton's help through the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission has funds available to be spent by June 30th 2019. Proposal to be presented at the Wednesday, June 5th Board of Selectman meeting to receive approval.

Wetlands Agent John Valente read the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission motion of approval aloud to all present.

Jed Larson MOVED for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission to approve the Conservation Commission and Bike Walk Andover project to improve the trails for better access to the Chamberlain Nature Pond Trail and Percy Cook Trail.

Wayne Thorpe SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

5. Conservation Commission Report

None.

6. Administrative Report

John Valente shared that the commission will soon be reappointing members on July 1st, 2019 and the item will be added to agenda for the Monday, June 10th Regular Meeting.

7. Public Participation

None.

8. Adjournment

Jed Larson MOVED to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Ed Smith SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 5:0:0

Chair Mike Landolphi adjourned the meeting at 6:31 P.M.

Meeting Minutes helpfully submitted by Board Clerk, Amanda Gibson

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.