

TOWN OF ANDOVER
Inland Wetlands Watercourse Commission

Special Meeting - Site Walk

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Meet at the West side of the Ball Field at 9AM

Riverside Drive and Long Hill Road

Members present M. Lally, R. Osborne, E. Smith also present J. Hallisey and G. Elliot candidates for the vacant alternate positions. Also in attendance Hank Gruner, Wildlife Research Scientist, M. Pallazi and C. Crompton Conservation Commission (CC) S. Person Applicant J. Hand Resident and others

1. Call to Order

a. Application of Scott Person, Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee designated to maintain the Hop River Trail. Permit for the placement of a pedestrian bridge over a watercourse and anchored in Wetland Soil, placement of a picnic table and a bench in wetlands. Discussion on construction and Maintenance of River Trail. Meeting called to Order at 9:10 time approximate R. Osborne nominated by vote of the member present as Acting Chair in the absence of M. Landolphi. Motion by E. Smith seconded by M. Lally to nominate R. Osborne, Motion passed 3:0:0 The Commission proceeded from the Ball field (westside) to the Hop River Trail during the approach to the Trail Mr. Gruner provided a brief overview of his involvement working with the C.C. and advising S. Person, on measures that can be taken to mitigate the impacts to the Resources and more specifically the Wood Turtle, by the creation of the trail. The Commission walk along the trail Immediate to the shoreline and up to the area where the trail widened out adjacent to the watercourse Blackman's Brook where a pedestrian bridge was installed spanning the watercourse and secured on either bank by 4x6x6 pressure treated timbers to support the bridge, in addition there is a picnic table and two to three benches located along the trail. Some comments where made regarding the construction of the bridge and picnic table. The Commission proceeded to the dam and for several hundred feet past the dam up River. H. Gruner stop along the way and provided information of Turtle Habitat and area essential for safe movement from the River to the flood plain egg laying area. H Grunner said probably the greatest threat from the creation of the Trail is people picking up the wood turtles and removing them from their habitat. The Commission completed the trail and adjourned the meeting until they could reassemble at 410 Lake Road

b. 10AM - Jeff Minor, Applicant, 410 Lake Road. Rebuild existing sea wall using

existing wall stone& approx. 10 tons of natural field stone wall block 85' of existing wall to be rebuilt. The Commission met at 10:14:am at 410 Lake Road with the owner the owner's uncle and Mr. Minor The Commission viewed the 85 plus feet of wall to be rebuilt and the measures to be taken to keep surface water from causing erosion problems during construction when the lake fron is exposed. Mr. Valente staed several mandated measures to be taken beginning with hay bales below the wall , plastic sheeting in the lake to catch debris from stones placed at the toe of the wall in preparation for placement on the wall the diversion of roof water and surface water away form the work site. The owner would like to fill in 120 square feet approximate size which is behind(landside) of the wall face, it is evident that the high water mark consumes this area during the spring/summer/fall of the year. Mr. Valente was adamant regarding no net loss of Lake due to aesthetic features. The Commission will discuss at the next meeting the site walk was adjourned at 10:40 time approximate.

John Valente minutes

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