

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING JAN. 18, 2023 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn (phone), Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley, Sarah Kerns, Tori Luksha

Guests: Skip Dunnell, David Cameron, Wm. Murray

Charlie opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

A continued hearing was held on the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) for the proposed town Safety Complex. Wm. Murray, site landscape engineer of Places Associates, gave an overview of the proposed public safety complex and presented up-to-date plans. David Cameron, Senior Professional Wetlands Scientist ("SPWS") from Fleetwood Environmental Solutions, presented his report of the wetlands near the proposed public Safety Complex. Multiple materials were reviewed which included a peer review of the report previously conducted by SWCA Environmental Consultants of the wetlands boundaries. Mr. Cameron did meander surveys throughout the site and a large perimeter inspection by foot and car. He also inspected the site the day after a heavy rain event on Dec. 22. A summary of the bordering vegetated wetlands pointed out apparent discrepancies with the previous delineation by SWCA. Mr. Cameron's report listed seven recommendations to ConsCom. Mr. Murray talked about the pressing timeline to get bids out in preparation for Town Meeting in early May. Plans were made for Mr. Murray, Mr. Cameron, and SWCA to coordinate all information so that ConsCom can vote on the ANRAD by next meeting. Motion made (Robin/Tori) and carried to continue the ANRAD hearing to the next scheduled meeting, Feb. 15 at 7 PM.

Motion made (Tori/Robin) and carried to approve the **budget** as verbally submitted, which was the same budget as last year.

The **Stewardship Committee** (SC) will present their annual monitoring reports at the ConsCom meeting in February. We again discussed the need for better organization, clarification of trails to be monitored, and responsibilities. Sarah suggested the implementation of a Continuity Binder.

Sarah shared she has requested two tablets through an **IT grant**. If ConsCom acquires the tablets, we discussed advantages of having a mapping program that ConsCom can purchase at a reasonable cost.

November and December minutes were approved with corrections. We reviewed mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.