# TOWN OF LANCASTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION Lancaster Community Center June 28, 2016

Present: Ken Rapoza, Chair; Nathan Stevens, Vice-Chair; Jim Lavallee; and Ruth Anderson

Absent: Peter Farmer and Tom Christopher

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

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There being a quorum present, Chair Rapoza called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

# Public Hearing - Notice of Intent, South Lancaster Academy, 180-198 George Hill Road

Mr. David Koonce stated that the applicant has requested a continuance to the next Conservation meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:05 PM Mr. Jim Lavallee made a motion to continue the public hearing to the next Conservation Commission meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Ruth Anderson seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

## **Discussion, Foot Bridge at Eagle Ridge**

Present: Area Eagle Ridge Residents

Mr. Koonce stated that the Planning Board set aside \$10,000 for a type of crossing over wetlands on the open space at Eagle Ridge. The Planning Board is looking for some type of progress on the crossing.

Chair Rapoza asked if the open space was located near the parking area.

Mr. Koonce informed him that it was and went on to state that the area still needs some clearing done.

Chair Rapoza stated that there is a wonder boardwalk type crossing behind the Perkins school preschool. Chair Rapoza stated that the crossing at that location would work wonderful at Eagle Ridge.

Mr. Koonce stated that he can look into the Perkins School crossing.

There was question on wither or not the crossing at Perkins school was an Eagle Scout project.

Chair Rapoza stated that the cub scouts will be clearing some of the land at the sugar bush and maybe can help out at Eagle Ridge as well.

Chair Rapoza stated that it would best to get the project completed while it is dry.

# <u>Continued Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability, National Grid, Seven Bridge</u> Road

**Present: Area Residents** 

Mr. Koonce stated the applicant has requested a continuance to the Conservation Commission meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

At 7:18 PM Mr. Jim Lavallee made a motion to continue the public hearing for work proposed by National Grid along Seven Bridge Road. Ms. Ruth Anderson seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Chair Rapoza stated to those present at the meeting that the Commission is having Mr. Koonce look through all Commission filings for the anything filed for National Grid for a similar project. Chair Rapoza stated that if this kind of project was denied before it will give the Commission a better standing for denial this time around.

# **Items for Approval and/or Signature**

Minutes from May 10, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Jim Lavallee had some minor corrections to the minutes.

At 7:32 PM Mr. Jim Lavallee made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Nate Stevens seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

## Items for signature

The Commission signed a Negative Determination of Applicability for the Trustees of Reservation that was approved at the June 14, 2016 meeting.

At 7:44 PM Chair Rapoza made a motion to close the public meeting of the Lancaster Conservation Commission and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation, and not return to public meeting. Ms. Ruth Anderson.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Nate Stevens, Aye; Ms. Ruth Anderson, Aye; Mr. Jim Lavallee, Aye; and Chair Mr. Ken Rapoza, Aye.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, the public meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hampson Office Manager