

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Lancaster Community Center
February 28, 2017

Present: Chair Ken Rapoza, Nathan Stevens, Vice-Chair; Peter Farmer, Bonnie-Mae Smith, and Jim Lavallee

Absent: Tom Christopher and Ruth Anderson,

Also Present: David Koonce, Conservation Agent

There being a quorum present, Chair, Ken Rapoza called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Discussion, Update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan

Present: Cara Sanford, Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Ms. Cara Sanford stated that the original Open Space and Recreation Plan was drafted in 2007 and it is now time to update the plan. Ms. Sanford informed the Commission that she is not doing as much with the update as she did when the plan was first drafted.

Ms. Sanford is working on updating the resource needs and protection needs section of the open space and recreation plan and want to ask the Commission for their opinion on what they feel is needed in the town for resources and protection.

The Commission went over the resource and protection needs section of the Open Space Plan and pointed out areas that the town has done well on and areas that the town still needs to work on to give Ms. Sanford an idea of what to include in the update; this included protecting natural resources and maintenance of existing conservation areas.

The Commission had a brief discussion Stormwater concerns within the Town.

Chair Rapoza stated that invasive plants are also a concern and would fall under maintenance of conservation areas.

Ms. Sanford stated that she will take the comments she received tonight as part of the discussion and create a draft of the updated Resource and Protection section of the Open Space Plan.

Approval of Minutes February 14, 2017 meetings

The Commission reviewed the minutes from February 14, 2017

At 8:06 PM Mr. Peter Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2017 as written. Mr. Nathan Stevens seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

New Business

Bartlett Pond Parking Area

Chair Rapoza stated that he had spoken to the Board of Selectman regarding the pot holes and the condition of the parking area at Bartlett pond. Chair Rapoza stated that the Board of Selectman had the Department of Public Works place a sign at the parking area and have asked them for an estimate to repave the parking area which came in around \$20,000.

Mr. Farmer suggested that the Commission draft a warrant article for town meeting to appropriate the funds for the parking area.

Mr. Koonce will draft a warrant article for the Commission to review.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the public meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hampson
Office Manager