

TOWN OF LANCASTER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 23rd, 2023

Members Present: Chair Tom Christopher, Vice-Chair Tom Seidenberg, Bruce McGregor.

Also Present: Charlotte Steeves (Conservation Agent)

List of agenda items presented:

1. Vote to reduce the conservation commission to a 5-member board.

Chairman Tom Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Mr. Christopher said he had a conversation with the town administrator to reduce the board to 5 members. He said they will need to add this to the Town Warrant for the following Monday. The language was circulated with the commission members prior to the meeting. He said this will be presented at town meeting.
2. Mr. Seidenberg made the motion to adopt article 16 for the town meeting warrant to amend article 5 section 16 of the town general bylaw to allow the conservation commission to reduce the board from 7 to 5 members.
3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lavallee

Roll Call Vote: Thomas Seidenberg yes, Mr. Lavallee yes, Bruce McGregor yes, Mr. Christopher, yes. The motion was passed.

4. Mr. Seidenberg asked if the select board has moved to add the fifth member to the conservation commission.
5. Mr. Christopher said the fifth member would be Mr. Hubbard. He said Mr. Hubbard sent an email requesting to volunteer. He said there is no prohibition for residents serving on 2 boards. He said he asked Mr. Hubbard to draft a letter to the select board. He said he hopes this will be on the next select board agenda and then the conservation commission can vote. He said he also talked to Ms. Hodges about town council opinion on quorum and that Ms. Hodges is looking into this. He also said there is an email correspondence relative to the vernal pool inspection at 10 Fire Road 54. He said he would like Ms. Steeves to attend the vernal pool certification at the property and also opened this up to the commission.
6. Mr. McGregor made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Lavallee.

Motion to close the hearing: Roll Call Vote: Thomas Seidenberg yes, Mr. Lavallee yes, Bruce McGregor yes, Mr. Christopher, yes. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM