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6:30 P.M.

MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
IN-PERSON
CITY HALL ANNEX, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 203

MEMBERS PRESENT

CHAIRMAN DUMAS
DAVID BEAUREGARD, MEMBER
DUNCAN BURNS, MEMBER
AGENT, SOPHIE DOROW

ABSENT MEMBERS

NORMAN BEAUREGARD, MEMBER
DAVID ORWIG, MEMBER

ATTENDEES

STEVEN ROCKWOOD

Chairman Dumas On tonight's meeting we will be keeping the crosstalk to a zero. Since it is having a muffle sound effect on the camera's audio.

MINUTES

On the meeting minutes of May 22nd, Dave Beauregard made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Duncan approved. Chairman Dumas all in favor say aye. Present members said, Aye.

On the meeting minutes for June 12th, Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave said to approve. Chairman Dumas said all in favor say aye. Present members said, Aye.

On the July 10th meeting minutes were moved on to the next meeting on August 14, 2023.

NOTICE OF INTENT

None.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

None.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE

None.

REQUEST FOR AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS

None.

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Certificate of Compliance for DEP#160-566,314 Brookside Drive (Lot 54&55 combined) DEP#160-0400 AND #160-0393 Wilder Brook Estates by Admission and Harlette Toussaint (Continued from June 12) COC is reconciled: old owners applied, continued since June 12th and how the new owners are applying. Chairman Dumas asked if the applicant had submitted the full application. Agent Dorow answered yes, they have completed the application and submitted it. I did take photos today before six o'clock. In the picture, you can see the edge of the lawn. They did remove the boards.

In another picture, you can see the other wetland signs. They are spread out evenly. Chairman Dumas thank Agent Dorow for her work. Chairman Dumas asked Agent Dorow if the applicant will be recording the signed document with the deed. Agent Dorow answered yes. Under the new owners. Once approved and signed. Chairman Dumas said lets signit and clear it. Duncan made a motion to close the hearing. Dave agreed. Chairman Dumas said all in favor say aye. Present members said aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Space Recreation Plan

Endorsement vote and signatures for OSRP 2022, Trevor to speak to any questions or concerns about the plan.

Chairman Dumas explained that there was a discussion of the last meeting. From what I understand in the research that I was given is that its always in draft. Until it's completed and the mayor signs it off. There was a discussion of some of the other lots of land that had always been in the open space plan. As far as I can see everything has always been identified the same for the past several open plan. Im okay with the plan as it is. I would like to bring it up to a vote and send a letter of support to the mayor. Someone would like to make that motion. Dave Beauregard motion made. Duncan Burns seconded that. Chairman Dumas all in favor, aye. Present members said aye. Agent Dorow, can you draft up a letter of support. Agent Dorow replied I already have it prepared. Chairman Dumas awesome. Can you pass that around to sign it right now.

Flagging tape for city trails. Dumas asked if the DPW has flagging tape. Agent Dorow, it is a minimal cost. haven't asked any other departments. Chairman Dumas commented that's okay. Why don't we appropriate \$100.00 of the Wetland funds because it's for the wetlands. Duncan Burns motion made. Dave Beauregard motion seconded it. Chairman Dumas all in favor, aye. Present members aye. So \$100.00 out of the wetlands account.

Chairman Dumas asked what's this next one. Membership for? Agent Dorow is for the Fiscal year. Massachusetts Society for Municipal Conservation Professionals. Chairman Dumas okay. What does it get us? Agent Dorow well I know that I have been able to get in connect with other conservation agents. The conference that I go to. Chairman Dumas replied the Vernal pool. I've been receiving training. For a twenty-dollar fee. Dave Beauregard motion made. Duncan Burns seconded it. Chairman Dumas all in favor, Aye. Present members aye.

Chairman Dumas I saw in your agent report somebody has posted something about trail maintenance of travelling's its crew. Agent Dorow yes. Chairman Dumas so what that all about? Agent Dorow the idea started with Bailey Brook Park. Then the water department started helping us Lindsey and I went to court left side to reestablish that trail. Which they did a really good job. Then I had Somebody who works for North county land trust meet there to discuss anything that they see that can be improved or changed. A big point is that one of the trailers that lead to the duct is in a very awkward place. After the full park improvement and the play trail area. It's in a weird spot you would never know there is a trail there. My vision is to get some volunteers to extend that trail to a different area that is more visible. I reached out to more people asking if we have trail units or employees or units. We have a lot of trails but no trail group for that. In Fitchburg and other towns, they have groups for that. Chairman Dumas, we use to use Boy scout for that. Before we post anything on Facebook that has to do with conservation needs to come before the board to vote on. We can't have people come out there and start cutting down trees. If they cut down trees when you're not there and start cutting the wrong stuff too close to wetlands. It could open up an issue so keep that in mind. We should get something in there stating that the Agent has to be present before cutting anything. I can try and reach out to the scouts. Dave Beauregard, whatever happened to the prisoners? They were taking care of that before. Chairman Dumas, I don't know. The ball field program had stopped. Duncan Burns, they use to pick up all the trash. Chairman Dumas will be reaching out to the boy scouts.

Duncan Burns, I did ask if you have heard from the Damn Safety. Agent Dorow, I did hear from them but they don't have anything.

Chairman Dumas someone would like to end tonight's meeting. Dave Beauregard motion made. Duncan Burns seconded it. Chairman Dumas all in favor, aye. Present members aye. Chairman Dumas Meeting adjourn.