



THE TOWN of MERRIMAC
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
4 School St., Merrimac
MASSACHUSETTS 01860

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Members present: Robert Prokop (chair), Jerome Mathieu, Dennis Hogan, and Greg Hochmuth. Conservation Agent Jay Smith was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm.

Cont. Discussion: Joseph Richard for 6+ River Rd. (Map 54, Block 1, Lot 43) --- Violation.

B. Prokop requested that the Selectmen and Town Counsel be notified about the summons to court by Mr. Richard. G. Hochmuth made a motion to ratify the Enforcement Order that was seconded by A. Yarranton with a unanimous vote of (5-0). G. Hochmuth suggested that the Commission issue maximum fines effective May 28, 2019 for the offences. It was agreed to talk to Town Council about the fines before issuing them.

B. Prokop recuses self and G. Hochmuth assumes the chair.

Discussion: Thomas Graham, 11 Bisson Lane --- Dock permit.

A letter dated May 8th had been sent to Mr. Graham reminding him of the need to get a dock permit before putting in his dock this year. Mr. Graham was in attendance and stated that he had a dock permit from 1997, good for 10 years. He asked if he could put the dock in and he had started the process with the State. The Commission stated that they would allow him to put it in pending the submittal of an RDA for the dock by the July meeting and there after continue the application process with the State and receive the permit . Filing the RDA would include abutter notification.

B. Prokop assumes the chair.

Discussion: Melanie Drivas, 7 Bisson Lane --- violation

Ms. Drivas was in attendance and it was explained to her the violation on

her property concerning illegal cutting on the bank of Lake Attitash. The Commission told her to stop any more cutting and to file a Notice of Intent for any more work she would like to do.

Discussion: Essex County Green Belt CR and Grant two Battis Rd. properties

Meeting to vote whether to apply for EEA LAND grant to assist Greenbelt with acquiring another property on Battis Rd.

D. Hogan made a motion to recommend partnering with Green Belt to apply for a land grant and conservation restriction for 21-25 Battis Rd. subject to Town Meeting approval. J. Mathieu seconded the motion with unanimous approval. (5-0)

Signing Conservation restriction on Beaver Pond Reservation CR (20-24 Battis Rd.)

Three members signed the CR for 20-24 Battis Rd.(B. Prokop, A. Yarranton and J. Mathieu and two other will review the document again.

Other Business:

Kevin White, Birchmeadow Rd. stated concerns that he had about work that was going on or will go on at his neighbor's property. The Commission will look into the allegations that relate to our wetland jurisdiction.

Discussion: Minutes

The minutes were approved (4-0) with one abstention, G. Hochmuth.

Meeting Adjourned