Minutes

Norfolk Conservation Commission
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Regular Meeting
In Person at the HUB

January 13, 2025



Present: Susannah Wood, Libby Borden, Shelley Harms, Becky Eaton, John Anderson, Nash Pradhan, Bill Ticineto.

Absent:

Public Guest:

Andrea Gomes (representing Hinckley Allen) and Bob Gilchrest (representing Allied Engineering) on behalf of Three Stewards Real Estate/69 Maple Ave.

Hartley Mead, Chair Inland Wetlands Agency.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Correspondence: None.

Review and approve minutes of last meeting: December minutes approved.

Budget and expenses: Confirm that personal reimbursements are being submitted.

69 Maple Avenue Modification: Andrea Gomes requested that Bill Ticineto recuse himself from deliberations and votes concerning the application as he is one of a group of neighbors who are opposing the modification. Ticineto agreed to do so with the understanding that such a recusal does not affect his rights as a private citizen.

Bob Gilchrest explained the extensive engineering that has been designed to control water run off. This plan is enhanced by the use of rain gardens. He has designed restorative landscaping using a majority of native plants.

Motion: Susannah put forth a motion to circulate comments.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

Action Item: The Conservation Commission will consider recommendations regarding the selection of native plants.

Beaver Dam protection: Pro-active management of beaver habitats in public and private wetlands was discussed. There are potentially both environmental and financial benefits to non-lethal control strategies. Communication between town environmental groups (Land Trust, Wet- lands Agency, Conservation Commission, etc.) with state and local road crews will be explored. Identification of current trouble spots will help focus efforts.

Action Item: Hartley to speak with Troy LaMere re worst problem areas. Representatives of CC and INWC to follow up with Matt and Stacey for a group meeting.

Action Item: Susannah to contact Beaver Institute re cost of doing site visit and assessment of areas affected by beaver activity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Bill Ticineto January 14, 2025 Bill Ticineto