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**Conservation Commission Minutes – May 8th, 2025- Revised
at 5:30 PM via Zoom**

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Attendees:

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Mark Peterson, Member, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

Chair Smith reads the Governors Order and shares how the meetings proceed.

Chair Smith announces that the Commission will be entering executive session.

Motion to enter executive session made by Vice-Chair MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Member Smith: YES

Motion to enter regular session made by Vice-Chair MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES



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Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES
Member Smith: YES

Public Hearings
Old Business

Notice of Intent – 1010 Elm Street – Map 30 Lot 20

Applicant/Representative: Ciaran Naughton, C Naughton Group/ Edward Jacobs, PMP Consulting
DEP File #: SE116-1562

Mr. Ed Jacobs and Samantha Cripps from PMP Consulting is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Jacobs received comments back from LEC and sent crew out to the site to identify the spots that were reflagged. The site plan was updated accordingly.

Mr. Mark Manganello, Peer Review Consultant from LEC, is present on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Manganello goes over his comments made in the peer review report issued to the Commission. LEC reviewed the wetland delineation. Minor adjustments were made and do not make a significant difference toward proposed project. The NOI lacked information on the property owner. Google Earth imagery review showed when the site began to be developed as the current use of a construction yard. Mr. Manganello asks for clarification if there are any existing permits for what is on site.

Mr. Jacobs confirms that there are no existing permits for the construction yard. The applicant received a notice from the Planning Board that he was in violation and got PMP involved with the project.

Mr. Manganello explains that the current development is mostly compacted gravel yard with a pipe that discharges untreated stormwater toward the wetlands on site. The proposed project would resolve the current condition of untreated stormwater flowing into the wetland area. The Commission would have to decide whether they would like to take action on the current violation while working through this project. Mr. Manganello comments on the proposed filled area where the stormwater is currently being discharged. Mr. Manganello recommends the area remain intact and Commission should think about how to enhance the buffer zone area. Analysis of performance standards of the WPA for filling in the area would have to be submitted to the Commission for review. While Mr. Manganello clarifies he is not reviewing stormwater, he makes a comment that test pits that groundwater was noted last December at a certain depth, which was in a drought condition. This could potentially be reevaluated to see where groundwater is now, as it is important for design of the basin.

Mr. Manganello shares photos he took on site. Mr. Manganello points out the sediment that is discharging into the wetlands from the culvert.

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Chair Smith asks what they will be doing with the pipe discharging to the wetlands.

Mr. Manganello explains that there should have been a permit issued by the Commission and a filing of a SWPP Plan, which would have prevented the sediment from settling in the wetlands with a sediment basin.

Mr. Jacobs explains they have adjusted the plans to reflect the flag changes LEC made. They also revised the plan to depict 25' buffer zone restoration. Mr. Jacobs shares the updated plans depicting the updated wetland delineation line and buffer zone restoration. With this set of plans, they are asking for work inside the 25' no touch and restoring the buffer zone, no wetlands restoration necessary, as they would not be filling the wetland area originally proposed.

Chair Smith asks about the red lines on the plans. Mr. Jacobs explains that it is the 25' buffer. The red hatched area is where the work to build up the detention pond will take place. Chair Smith asks where the pipe is located on site. Mr. Jacobs explains that the pipe will be removed, but wetlands area remains in place. The pipe is an illegal discharge, and the plans proposed would treat stormwater properly. Mr. Tansey's stormwater comments were implemented to the updated plans.

Mr. Manganello makes a comment about the work in the 25' buffer. There are alternative ways to collect and infiltrate stormwater. The Commission has the option to request further analysis on what those alternatives could be.

Agent Putt mentions investigation of potential wetlands filling. The current delineation of the site is accurate with the unpermitted construction of the site. However, we are unsure of what the previous conditions were like prior to development.

Mr. Manganello says that option would start as a simple exercise with ECR to see if fill is present over hydric soils. However, if you find hydric soil, you have to start chasing it.

Mr. Jacobs mentions that as part of Mr. Holmes' (ECR) delineation of the wetlands line, corings were taken in wetlands and upgradient from the wetlands. Taking additional test pits would be redundant.

Mr. Manganello explains that LEC looked at the site prior to the knowledge of the history. Mr. Holmes would have done borings to determine the boundary. The question is if the non-hydric soil he found is fill.

Mr. Jacobs does not think the wetlands would go any further on the site. He will contact Mr. Holmes and see how deep he took his soil borings.

Vice- Chair MacDonald stresses the seriousness of the violation, as it takes place in an ACEC area. The NOI needs to be on hold until it is determined what happened to the wetlands prior to unpermitted work and where the actual wetlands line is.



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Member Prisco and Member Bailey agree with Vice-Chair MacDonald.

Member Peterson asks how deep you have to go to determine there is not hydric soil.

Mr. Manganello states as deep as the fill is. In this case, it is probably less than two feet, as the grade does not indicate a lot of fill was placed in the area.

Member Peterson asks how you can determine fill from native soil.

Mr. Manganello says that texture and color. Typically, will encounter a buried dark topsoil layer that is indicative a pre-existing land surface.

Member Peterson asks about depth of fill typically.

Mr. Manganello says multiple feet of fill have been brought in and filled in wetlands in the past.

Member Peterson asks if the area had a lot of groundwater going through it would that groundwater try to make its way through again.

Mr. Manganello confirms yes. Potentially you could see indicators, but it can take several years for groundwater indicators to appear in fill.

Member Peterson states that he agrees with Vice-Chair MacDonald's previous statement.

Chair Smith likes the plans and would do right by the wetlands, however, if there was fill brought in, she questions if that is just covering it up by allowing the project to go through without investigating first. Mentions further testing or taking a look at the borings Mr. Holmes took to get more information.

Mr. Jacobs said he can call Mr. Holmes to do soil borings and file a report to the Commission of findings.

Mr. Manganello offers to meet Mr. Holmes out there for soil borings.

Agent Putt thinks soils definitely need to be further investigated to get an accurate read of the wetlands line. Once it is determined whether or not wetlands were filled in, the Commission could reconvene and make a decision on how to proceed based on the findings.

Mr. Manganello mentions that the Commission does have grounds to take enforcement action because at the very least, disturbance has occurred in the buffer zone. In the interest of moving things along, the Commission could start that process if that is the route they want to take. It's possible for the project to not move forward.



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In that case, the unpermitted condition would persist. One pathway could be to take enforcement and require restoration plan for the buffer and/or compile a SWPP to resolve current conditions.

Vice-Chair MacDonald and Chair Smith agree with taking enforcement action for unpermitted work. No other members disagree.

Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street – agrees with the Commission’s decision to take enforcement action. Wetlands need to be protected.

Vice-Chair asks if PMP would like to continue the matter until the enforcement is resolved or withdraw and come back once the enforcement is resolved.

Mr. Jacobs would like to continue the matter.

Motion to continue to the June 12th meeting made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco
Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES
Member Smith: YES

Motion to initiate enforcement action for unpermitted work made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco
Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: YES
Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application – 2/13/2025
- Site Plan: Site Development Proposed Commercial Storage Building – revised 3/19/2025
- Stormwater Drainage Report- Revised 3/18/2025
- Town Engineer 1st Technical Review – Stormwater Report – 3/05/2025
- PMP Response to 1st Technical Review- 3/18/2025
- PMP Request for Continuance to May 8, 2025, meeting – 3/18/2025
- LEC Peer Review Report No.1 – 5/06/2025



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Notice of Intent – 0 Hillside Lane – Map 64 Lots 42 & 84

Applicant/Representative: Perk Realty Trust/ Silva Engineering Associates

DEP File #: SE116-1564

Chair Smith asks if Member Peterson had a chance to see the property.

Member Peterson confirms he did and said he saw a stream during the site walk.

Ms. Rebecca Baptista from Silva Engineering is present on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Baptista shares the wetland resource evaluation from Ken Thompson. Mr. Thompson calls out an intermittent stream in his report.

Member Peterson asks how do you prove it is an intermittent stream. It was flowing when he observed it. Member Peterson is not sure how far away it is, could be irrelevant whether or not it is perennial or intermittent.

Ms. Baptista says that they did not locate the stream, could be too far off locus. Ms. Baptista states she cannot tell the distance without taking a measurement but does not recommend that because it does not have a riverfront buffer.

Vice-Chair MacDonald thinks the stream was out of the jurisdiction area.

Mr. Thompson shares his field map. The nearby intermittent stream is out of jurisdiction, as it is over 100' away.

Member Peterson asks how do we know the stream is intermittent?

Mr. Thompson states that USGS maps have a solid blue line indicating perennial streams. This stream is not listed on USGS maps. Ms. Baptista shares USGS maps in the area of the site that confirms this.

Member Peterson wants to know more about it, as he saw the stream flowing in dry conditions.

Mr. Thompson states that the regulations do not state that it is perennial. Ms. Baptista states there is not enough flow for it to be considered perennial. Yes, water is flowing, but it does not meet the qualifications of a perennial stream.

Motion to close made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES



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Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: ABSTAIN
Member Smith: YES

Motion to approve made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco
Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: ABSTAIN
Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application – 4/01/2025
- Site Plan: Parcel A Retreat Lot – 2/28/2025

Notice of Intent – 70, 76-78, & 86 Broad Street – Map 21 Lots 95, 96, & 97
Applicant/Representative: Churchill James, LLC/ Crocker Design Group, LLC
DEP File #: SE116-1565

Agent Putt states that a request for continuance was received. The stormwater report and site plan were revised based on Greg Tansey's review. However, Mr. Tansey did not have a chance to review the revised report and site plan in time for the meeting.

Motion to continue to May 22nd meeting made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Prisco
Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES
Member Peterson: YES
Member Prisco: YES
Member Bailey: ABSTAIN
Member Smith: YES

Member Bailey left the meeting.

List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application – 4/09/2025
- Site Plan: Proposed Site Development Plans for Mixed-Use Development- revised 5/02/2025
- Stormwater Management Report- revised 5/02/2025
- Town Engineer 1st Technical Review- Stormwater Report- 4/22/2025



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- Crocker Design Group Request for Continuance – 5/08/2025

New Business

Amended Order of Conditions – 225 Whitman Street– Map 23 Lot 76
Applicant/Representative: Perk Realty Trust/ Silva Engineering Associates
DEP File #: SE116-1538

Vice Chair MacDonald reads the legal ad into the record.

Ms. Baptista is present on behalf of the applicant. This is just for paperwork purposes. The NOI was requested when the parent property existed. Since the approval, the land has been divided up into multiple lots. The Map and Lot numbers need to be updated to accurately reflect where approval was given. A lot without wetlands is trying to be sold, but they are held up because the Order of Conditions inaccurately lists that parcel as the property where work was approved by Conservation.

Member Peterson asks what is there to clean up.

Ms. Baptista reiterates paperwork needs to be cleaned up. The Order of Conditions (OOC) is inaccurately associated with a lot that acquired the original map and lot number of the parent property. It is not the property where wetlands exist, and the map and lot numbers need to be changed to accurately depict the where the open OOC belongs.

Agent Putt explains that she asked this to come back for an amendment because the OOC designated the area as Map 23 Lot 76 (part of) which is not valid. All they have to do is change the map and lot to the accurate numbers it was subdivided into, it is just for paperwork purposes. Work was conducted in accordance to the OOC, the OOC just needs to call out the map and lot accurately.

Member Prisco asks if all the houses have been built.

Ms. Baptista confirms that they have not all been built.

Member Prisco asks if the OOC is for all four lots.

Ms. Baptista says no, just for lot 159, which is the only parcel with wetlands on it. Ms. Baptista shares a site plan depicting lot 159 alone which shows the wetlands in the southwest corner of the property.

Member Peterson asks if this was approved originally as a subdivision. Ms. Baptista says they are all form A lots. Member Peterson doesn't want this to put the Commission in a situation where a drainage report wasn't required, concerned there would be a hole in the permitting process.



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Motion to close made by Member Prisco , Seconded by Member MacDonald

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

Motion to approve made by Member Prisco , Seconded by Member MacDonald

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Request for Amended Order of Conditions – 4/17/2025
- Notice of Intent Application- 01/22/2024
- Recorded Order of Conditions- 03/01/2024
- Site Plan: Septic System Design Plan- 01/22/2024

Notice of Intent – 350 Spruce Street – Map 116 Lot 44

Applicant/Representative: Raymond Lofstrom/ Padula Remodeling

DEP File #: SE116-

Agent Putt clarifies that DEP reached out saying they were missing this NOI application. Agent Putt forwarded the application to DEP and they have not issued a number yet. We can open the hearing but cannot vote on the matter.

Chair Smith reads the legal ad into the record.

Ms. Baptista is present on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Baptista shares the site plan that depicts a proposed ADU and associated septic. Ken Thompson flagged the wetlands line in December 2024. Agent Putt and Ms. Baptista noticed the green pipes were still present from the 2015 delineation. The closest spot from the ADU is 55' from the wetlands line.

Agent Putt goes over the site walk she conducted with Ms. Baptista on May 5th. Everything was staked out including the proposed ADU, septic, and driveway. Agent Putt had no concerns. Siltation barrier looked good. Agent Putt clarifies that the pink flags are the most current delineated line, not the green pipes from 2015.

Vice-Chair MacDonald says she will stop by the site.



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Member Prisco likes the project.

Member Peterson asks if he can go out to the site.

Ms. Baptista will inform the applicant more members will be coming out to see the site.

Chair Smith is okay with where the dwelling is.

Motion to continue to May 22nd meeting made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Prisco
Roll call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application- 4/15/2025
- Site Plan: Proposed ADU Accessory Dwelling Unit- 3/19/2025

Request for Determination of Applicability – 557 Old Forest Street – Map 99 Lot 67

Applicant/Representative: Edward A Warman Trustee of EAW Realty Trust/ Silva Engineering Associates

DEP File #: SE116-

Vice Chair MacDonald reads the legal ad into the record.

Ms. Baptista shares the site plans depicting proposed upgraded septic system. The system was not functioning properly and kept freezing over. Proposed upgraded septic is exactly where existing system is.

Member Prisco asks what they plan to do with the old system.

Ms. Baptista says that they will abandon most of it in place. Tanks will stay and be reused, pipes will be abandoned and cut.

Agent Putt conducted a site visit with Ms. Baptista on May 5th. They walked the wetland delineation line, and she had no concerns. Septic was marked out on the lawn. Good siltation barrier depicted on the plans.

Member Peterson asks how far from the wetlands is the project.

Ms. Baptista says they are outside of the 50' buffer shown on the plans. Same for the wetlands across the street. These are all based on the wetland flagging.



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Motion to close made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

Motion to issue a negative determination made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Request for Determination of Applicability Application- 4/15/2025
- Site Plan: Septic System Repair Plan – 4/16/2025

Notice of Intent – Hiawatha Trail – Map 54 Lot 10-C10

Applicant/Representative: BWH2 Trust/ Michael J. Koska & Associates, Inc.

DEP File #: SE116-

Vice Chair MacDonald reads the legal ad into the record.

Mr. Mike Koska is present on behalf of the application. Mr. Koska presents the site plan of a single-family home with associated septic system and a retaining wall.

Agent Putt asks for clarification on which lot currently has a foundation in place. Mr. Koska confirms that Lot 10 C10 has the foundation in place.

Agent Putt explains that previous plans were approved for this lot, however, it was submitted as a new NOI due to a change in the plans. The previous approval was obtained June 20, 2024 and an Order of Conditions was supposed to be issued. There was a clerical error, and a Determination of Applicability was issued instead of Order of Conditions. Agent Putt recently corrected this error and issued that Order of Conditions to DEP.

Vice Chair MacDonald asks for clarification on the foundation.

Jeff Cutter, the Applicant, explains that they applied for a foundation permit through the Building Dept. and received permission to place it. This was approximately 4-6 weeks ago.



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Vice Chair asks if this is an after the fact NOI.

Mr. Cutter explains that three lots, including the lot for the current NOI, came before the Commission in January 2024. Order of Conditions were supposed to be issued, and the only special condition was to use organic fertilizer. It was Mr. Cutter's understanding that all three were approved, and that is why he submitted permits to start building. It wasn't until the permit was delayed that he found that Conservation needed to issue the Order of Conditions to correct the mistake and a new NOI was to be submitted.

Mr. Koska states that the old file number has been closed. Agent Putt confirms that the old file number was closed during the previous meeting. Agent Putt submitted the corrected Orders to DEP and the Commission issued the Certificate of Compliance to close the number out in the previous meeting.

Vice Chair asks that no more work be done until approval is received from Conservation.

Mr. Koska states that the erosion control is already up, and the work is not near the 25 foot no touch. The closest point of the house to the wetlands is 95'.

Member Peterson asks for clarification on where the lot is, as he was looking at the wrong lot. Member Peterson did see the foundation across the street on the lot in question. He would like to go back and see it, but if it is just a clerical error than he's not sure.

Vice Chair says it is just a clerical error.

Motion to close made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

Motion to approve made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco

Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

Vice Chair states that once the Orders are past their appeal period, work can begin.

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List of Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application- 4/14/2025
- Site Plan: Soil Absorption System Plan – 1/18/2025

Administrative Items

Lakeshore – Vegetated Management Plan (VMP) – Discussion

Ken Thompson, the Wetland Scientist, is present on behalf of the application. Mr. Thompson states that he reviewed the neighbors' letters of concern and will make some clarifications for them. Mr. Thompson explains that the circles on the plan are native plantings and are protected by deer fencing. The hatched area of the plan is wildflower planting. They are subject to heritage regarding the turtles which is way they have certain windows they can conduct work in. They would be working outside the summer season and the breeding season. All an upland terrace of Merrimac soils, it is dry land planting. The dead hazard trees by the road will be cut off at 15'. They are going to remove the existing fence and man-made berm. All invasives will be pulled out by hand. Leaf litter will probably be turned into the soil and compost will be brought in. Tree plantings can be done in the fall, wildflowers will be planted in the spring. An 8" erosion control line runs the entire length of the 25' buffer.

Mr. Thompson clarifies the shrub plantings for Chair Smith on the site plan. Trees will be dogwoods and other flowering natives. Witch hazel, black huckleberry, berry producing plants to be implemented. Mulch to be implemented under the trees.

Chair Smith asks about what trees are coming down. Mr. Thompson clarifies that only hazard trees will be cut off at 15'. There will be no complete removal of trees.

Chair Smith thinks the planting will help maintain soil erosion and will be beneficial to wildlife/pollinators. Chair Smith asks about the parameters for vista pruning. Mr. Thompson says that's all in the regulations.

Member Peterson states that there are more than three invasives out there. Mr. Thompson states that they will be going after all of it. They will do the best they can to control the bittersweet, but it is hard to get rid of.

Member Peterson asks about the rye and buckwheat plantings and how they will not be able to till it before it goes to seed. Mr. Thompson said it will disappear with time, will be outcompeted with native plantings. Mr. Thompson shares the wildflower and grass mix they will be using.

Member Peterson states that the blue stem seeds will take 3-4 years to establish as an individual plant. Mr. Thompson says it is only 30% of the seed going down. Member Peterson is concerned the blue stem won't take.

Chair Smith says it is a combination of seeds and overtime they will start to take. The area will be monitored to see how the plantings have taken.

Member Peterson is concerned that some of the growth will not be cut. Mr. Thompson said the problem is they are not allowed to cut because of the turtles. Mr. Thompson asks what Member Peterson recommends. Member Peterson recommends a third party to look at this. The only cutting he can do is in the late fall and early spring. It can be cut in the second year.

Member Peterson states that some of the plants are not native to Plymouth County. Mr. Thompson says that Ernst seeds recommends this mix and to look it up on New England Wetland Plants. Mr. Thompson offers to meet Member Peterson on site to discuss seed mix and call a grower if he wants.

Agent Putt asks if the Commission feels that they have enough information to vote on the Vegetated Management Plan (VMP).

Chair Smith asks if there is a monitoring plan for the VMP. Agent Putt refers to the report Mr. Thompson submitted. Agent Putt discusses adding in that the agent be contacted when the wetland scientist or landscape architect are to conduct work on site. Chair Smith asks if the landscape architects would know how to follow the VMP to best protect ACEC area. Mr. Thompson said he would always be on site.

Vice Chair reiterates the note about agent being notified when work is conducted on site. Additionally, any changes to the VMP will need to come back to Conservation to receive approval.

Mr. Thompson says he will make the minor modifications once sent to him.

Agent Putt states that Commission can vote to approve if they would like, contingent upon receiving the minor modifications from Mr. Thompson.

Motion to approve made by Member MacDonald , Seconded by Member Prisco
Role Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: NO

Member Prisco: YES

Member Smith: YES

List of Documents:

- Claremont Vegetated Management Plan- 4/22/2025
- Site Plan: Conceptual Landscape Plan- 4/23/2025
- Lake Nippenicket Native Plant List- 4/24/2025



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- Resident Comment Letter- 5/06/2025

1731 Plymouth Street – Discussion

Agent Putt says this item is still under investigation. More information to come for the next meeting.

Hiawatha Trail Replication - Discussion

Vice Chair and Agent Putt have been out to the replication site a few times. Originally, the plans did not appear to follow the site plan, which have 15 red maple trees listed. Those red maples have since been planted. The approved plans now have been followed.

Vice Chair MacDonald echoes what Agent Putt stated. First time around there were no trees, just the bushes. We can now say they did the replication, but we need to make sure it takes. Start the clock for monitoring now. Before signing off on the replication area, have a botanist go out and certify that it took at least 75%.

Member Peterson wants to see the replication area. Agent Putt explains where the area is and says he can come in to see the plans.

Member Peterson asks if we are voting on it. Agent Putt explains that there isn't anything to vote on right now. This started with the Town Engineer asking if the replication was done. Agent Putt will now reach out to the Town Engineer to let him know the replication was done according to the plan. Monitoring will occur for at

least two growing seasons so when the time comes for a Certificate of Compliance, a wetlands scientist can be brought in to determine how much of the replication has taken. Agent Putt believes the replication was implemented when the roadway was put in back in 2022, so most of the planting have had an opportunity to take. With the addition of the 15 trees, we will want to see how those take.

Chair Smith asks about taking pictures of the replication area to see the progress.

Agent Putt took current pictures of the area. Mr. Cutter provided some videos of when the initial plantings went in.

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Minutes continued to the May 22nd Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Prisco.

Roll Call:

Member MacDonald: YES

Member Peterson: YES

Member Prisco: YES