

**Brookline Conservation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 7:00 PM
Room 111, Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Roberta Schnoor (Acting Chair), Marcus Quigley, Benjamin Wish, Pamela Harvey, Pallavi Kalia Mande, Werner Lohe

Commissioners Absent: Marcus Quigley (Chair), Deborah Myers, Marion Lazar (Associate)

Staff Present: Tom Brady (Conservation Administrator), Katie Weatherseed (Conservation Assistant)

Guests: None.

AGENDA REVIEW/MINUTES

Due to M. Quigley's absence, R. Schnoor served as Acting Chair. She called the meeting to order and asked if there were any suggested amendments to the Agenda. No one had any suggested amendments. She suggested one minor revision to the minutes from January 15, 2019 and asked if anyone had any other proposed revisions.

P. Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes from January 15, 2019 as amended. P. K. Mande seconded. All in favor.

OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

T. Brady stated that he has heard from the MAPC, and was informed that they have had staff changes, which has slowed the review process of Open Space Plans. However, the Brookline Open Space Plan is the next plan to be reviewed. He added that K. Weatherseed has in the meanwhile been working on the quality and clarity of the maps and images.

MUDDY RIVER REVIEW

T. Brady stated that he has had multiple meetings for regulatory issues. The three proposed Notices of Intent have been discussed with the DEP, and they should issue file numbers soon.

T. Brady added that the Army Corps of Engineers have proposed an efficient monitoring program plan. He stated that they are progressing through the details. P. Harvey stated that it appears as though the water levels have appeared to have improved.

STAFF UPDATE

- Issuance of Order of Conditions for 21 and 101 Independence Drive (Hancock Village), DEP 120-174, BWB 18-03

T. Brady read a letter from Frank Holmes of Stantec, dated February 5, 2019, requesting a withdrawal of the submitted Notice of Intent, and stating that due to the nature of the project, it is exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act and Brookline Wetlands Bylaw. He stated that he will draft a letter confirming the withdrawal of the Notice of Intent

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Brookline Wetland Bylaw and DEP file numbers. P. Harvey expressed interest in checking the regulations for any provision(s) allowing the submission of a map.

- Issuance of Order of Conditions for Brookline Reservoir, DEP 120-175, BWB 18-04

T. Brady shared a draft Order of Conditions with the Commission. R. Schnoor asked if the treatment approach will be ongoing. T. Brady said that he thinks it will be similar to the Larz Anderson Lagoon in that the treatments will be less frequent over time. P. Harvey inquired about the level of oversight the Town will have in the treatment. T. Brady responded that he has strong oversight on these matters and will always be contacted prior to work. He identified the drafted additional conditions specific to the use of herbicides/algacides. R. Schnoor asked about the process in which treatments are proposed and approved. T. Brady stated that if he notices that the reservoir is in poor condition, he will approach Solitude Lake Management and ask them for their recommendations. Alternatively, if Solitude Lake Management notices indicators of poor condition, they will inform T. Brady and ask him to come out to discuss next steps. T. Brady stated that if it is possible to avoid treatments in these circumstances by removing algae/plant matter mechanically, he will do so.

R. Schnoor asked if the Commission had any additional questions.

P. Harvey made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for Brookline Reservoir, DEP 120-175, BWB 18-04 with conditions. R. Schnoor seconded. All in favor.

T. Brady stated that there has been more activity on Warren Street. He also commented on issues of flooding at 69 Princeton Road. T. Brady has reached out to the attorney of the property owner at 69 Princeton Road to request an As-Built plan. Lastly, T. Brady, W. Lohe and Selectperson Hamilton have been asked to meet to discuss the Brookline Conservation Land Trust.

ADJOURN

P. Harvey made a motion to adjourn. W. Lohe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Katie Weatherseed