

HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
December 12, 2018  
Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

Members Present: Bob Cronin, Virginia Cookson, Richard Luongo (Chairman), and George Tarr.

Coordinator: Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm with a quorum established.

**Request for Determination. 20 Taft Woods Row. Tree Removal.**

Jim Hankin presented the aerial photo of the tree removal work area. Hongwei Ji, the owner and applicant, was present. Mr. Ji explained that a tree had fallen hitting his house and deck. He consulted a tree removal company and trees to be removed for security reasons were marked. Mr. Hankin said some were clearly outside the 100' buffer zone, but other healthy pines that were tagged for removal are within jurisdiction. Virginia Cookson said falling limbs from these pines could hit the house. Ms. Cookson noted a damaged beech tree in addition to the pines and suggested that the applicant be allowed to remove it as well if he desired to do so. Comments from the site walk included that once trees were removed, more light would be provided, which would benefit the wetland vegetation. George Tarr added that once the pine trees were gone, the small maples would have a chance to grow. Mr. Ji said he intended on letting the maples grow. Ms. Cookson said the native trees would not become large enough to fall and cause damage to the house.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue a negative determination for 20 Taft Woods Row for the removal of trees outside the no disturb zone at the edge of the existing lawn including the permission to take another beech tree down if Mr. Ji desired. No debris from the tree removal project shall remain in wetlands.

Seconded by George Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**Notice of Intent. Weaver Pond at Patton Park. Removal of Nuisance Vegetation.**

Richard Luongo opened the public hearing for the Notice of Intent for Weaver Pond at Patton Park. Evin Guvendiren (DeRosa Environmental) was present for the Town of Hamilton and described this proposal to control nuisance aquatic vegetation at Weaver Pond at Patton Park. Ms. Guvendiren said the project entailed an herbicidal treatment and hydro-raking, which would not disturb any soils under the pond surface. The work would remove only invasive and nuisance vegetation. All material would be taken off site and properly disposed. There will be no long term stock piling on site. Herbicidal treatment will occur in spring 2019 and hydro-raking in fall 2019. Jim Hankin recalled that the previous time the herbicidal treatment was done in a day or two and the hydro raking took about five days. The work will not increase the depth

or outside edges of the pond. The overgrowth conditions at the pond now are not as severe as previously so it's quite likely that the treatment will last longer now than it did 10 years ago.

Jim Hankin said that DEP has not issued a file number. Mr. Hankin said that if DEP and the hearing remains open then DeRosa Environmental would have the opportunity to respond. Ms. Guvendiren requested that the hearing be continued. Richard Luongo continued the hearing until January 9, 2019 with the consent of the applicant.

**Certificate of Compliance. 358 Chebacco Road.**

Jim Hankin said the Certificate of Compliance Request is for an Order of Conditions for a dock, a patio and a stone pathway down a slope to Chebacco Lake. The property is under agreement for sale and the closing is approaching. The applicant paid the \$50 late fee. Mr. Hankin inspected the site and provided photos of the area in 2009 and photos of the current condition of the completed work. He stated that the Order of Conditions allowed the activity and that no new activity had occurred. He recommended that the Commission issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Motion made by Virginia Cookson to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 358 Chebacco Road, file number 172-521.

Seconded by George Tarr.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

**Minutes November 28, 2018**

To be reviewed January 9, 2019.

**Discussion Items.**

Vote to approve 2019 meeting and site walk schedule.

Richard Luongo had previously reviewed and corrected the schedule. The amended schedule had been distributed to members of the Commission.

Motion made by George Tarr to accept and approve the 2019 calendar of meetings.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

9.2 acres Open Space adjacent to Patton Ridge. Mowing and vegetation management, Memorandum of Understanding, and beech tree work. Future Site Walks.

A general discussion ensued on the previously distributed draft Sketch Plan and Memorandum of Understanding. All agreed that the discussion will continue at the January 9, 2019 Commission meeting with a revised set of documents prepared for that meeting.

**Coordinator's Report.**

Jim Hankin said he and Mike DeRosa would make a presentation at the MACC conference in March.

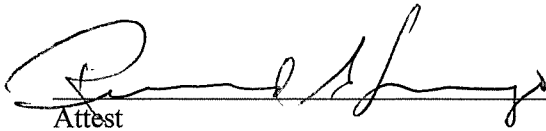
**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Prepared by:  
Marcie Ricker

  
Attest

1/23/19  
Date

