



SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 29, 2021

Present: David Henkels, Chair; Kenneth Holtz, Vice Chair; Jeremy Cook; Richard Morse; Bruce Porter; Kasey Rogers; Mark Sevier; and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator.

The Chair opened the meeting with a roll call vote.

Minutes:

On motion by B. Porter, seconded by J. Cook, the minutes of September 27, 2021 were approved unanimously via roll call vote.

On motion by B. Porter, seconded by J. Cook, the minutes of October 18, 2021 were approved via roll call vote. (K. Rogers abstained as she was not present at this meeting)

Wetland Applications:

Notice of Intent: 11 Cedar Creek, DEP #301-1360:

Chair Henkels opened the Notice of Intent hearing to replace a subsurface sewage disposal system, within the 100-foot Buffer Zone, continued from November 15, 2021. The Coordinator stated the hearing had been continued to obtain the DEP number and because she had needed to do a site visit to confirm the wetland boundaries. She had visited the site recently and found the siting of the new septic system was the only real option to the homeowner. She had discussed with the homeowner removal of invasive species, including Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, and winged euonymus, to be included in this Order of Conditions. The homeowner had already undertaken the removal which Ms. Capone suggested be reflected in the Order to give the authority to do so. She recommended issuing the Order of Conditions approving the project.

The Chair asked if there were further questions and comments by the Commission, as there were none, R. Morse moved to close the hearing, seconded by J. Cook. Via unanimous roll call vote, the hearing was closed. On motion by K. Holtz to issue the Order of Conditions, seconded by K. Rogers, roll call vote was unanimous.

Other Business:

Guided Walks of Sudbury Conservation Lands – Lincoln-Sudbury Adult Education Program:

The Chair welcomed Neela de Zoysa for her [presentation](#) that articulated her experience leading guided walks on conservation lands in conjunction with the adult education program, which are sponsored by the Commission, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and the US Fish and Wildlife.

Her program highlights specific areas of conservation lands available for those seeking outdoor recreation with information relating to maps, locations containing specific places for bird watching, wildflower seeking, and different wildlife habitats. She discussed topics covered in her walks that were comprehensive including, rules, orientation to the areas, governance, wetlands protection, plants, wildlife, geology, glacial history, ecology, hydrology, Native American history, and Colonial history. Her walk locations had varied and unique features of geology and topography to offer walkers of all abilities. She also informs participants of endangered species that are found in Sudbury with photos. She encouraged her walkers to remain invested in supporting public lands. Finally, she had recommendations she shared with the Commission regarding parking challenges, the need for trail maps; and improving signage and the town website for trail users. She had plans to continue these walks in the future.

The Chair thanked her for her comprehensive presentation and expressed enthusiasm for continuing this program.

Coordinator Capone informed the Commission that they may be able to cancel their December 27th meeting, if no new applications are received for this meeting.

With no further business, on motion by R. Morse, seconded by K. Holtz, the meeting was adjourned via unanimous roll call vote at 8:00 PM.