



TOWN OF MAYNARD
Conservation Commission

Minutes 6/9/2020

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Commission Members Present: James Bullis, M. John Dwyer, John Milhaven, Laura Mattei.

Conservation Administrator: Kaitlin Young

Absent: Chris Butler

Others Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by James Bullis

Approval Minutes

John Dwyer made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020 minutes as amended, which was seconded by John Milhaven and passed unanimously.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Ms. Young presented the Open Space and Recreation Plan's (OSRP) most recent updates per the May 12, 2020 meeting. She explained that a section had been added a section on the importance of climate change adaptation and mitigation that ties all of the goals and objectives of the plan to climate change, as well as a section connecting it to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program. Ms. Mattei requested that more language within the goals and objectives be focused around the Assabet River and its preservation and enhancement, especially from an environmental standpoint. The Commission agreed to make these changes.

Laura Mattei made a motion to approve the Open Space and Recreation Plan as amended, which was seconded by John Milhaven, and passed unanimously.

0 Parker Street

Ms. Young explained that a parcel of land protected by Chapter 61 was on the market and that the Town had been contacted by a developer looking to potentially buy the property. Ms. Young explained that the listed price was \$1.3 million and that the Commission would require additional funding to match the price. Ms. Young also explained that the developer had proposed potentially gifting the back wetland parcel to the Town. The Commission discussed the importance of the property due to its proximity to the Old Marlboro wellfield. Ms. Mattei recommended that Ms. Young reach out to Christa Collins of Sudbury Valley Trustees to discuss grant and funding opportunities and strategies for acquisition. Ms. Young also told the Commission that she would look into the Town's subdivision regulations to see if Open Space Residential Development techniques were adopted.

115 Acton Street Permitting Inquiry

Ms. Young let the Commission know that she had been approached by the homeowners of 115 Acton Street regarding the demolition of an old barn and construction of a pool. Ms. Young visited the property and observed an intermittent stream beyond the edge of the lawn area. Ms. Young explained that the work would potentially be outside of the 50 foot No Disturbance Zone of the intermittent stream. The Commission agreed that a Request for Determination was an appropriate first step for the proposed project.

Letter of Support for MVP Action Grant towards Hazard Mitigation Plan

John Dwyer made a motion to issue a letter of support, which was seconded by John Milhaven and passed unanimously.

Discussion on the Reopening of Public Hearings

The Commission discussed reopening public hearings. The Commission had paused all public hearings in response to COVID-19 and the Governor's order allowing public hearings to be continued due to the inability to hold in-person meetings. The Commission agreed to continue all hearings and to revisit the matter at a future meeting.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

John Dwyer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John Milhaven, and passed unanimously.

Documents Submitted

Remote Opening Script
May 12, 2020 Minutes
Right of First Refusal Procedure Summary
Preliminary Subdivision Plan for 0 Parker St.
0 Parker Street Aerial
115 Acton Informational Document
MVP Action Grant Letter of Support
Maynard MVP Workshop Summary Report