

Pittsfield Conservation Commission (PCC) Minutes April 26, 2018

Meeting **Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

**Present:** Chairman Chris Hill (CH), Secretary Diana Westgate (DW), Member Carl Wallman (CW), Member Don Hackett; (DH) Presenters Ross Morse, Ellen Snyder, Randall Shuey, Jake Bronnenberg

**Treasury Report:** No changes.

**MINUTES OF March 26 2018:** Accepted.

**Old Business:**

**Pittsfield Schools Involvement in Town Forests**

The PMHS students will be presenting their proposals on May 9 at 8 a.m. at PMHS. Several PCC members plan to attend. Ross will meet us at the entrance.

**Watershed Study Update**

Ellen Snyder brought one bound and one unbound copy of the final Watershed Study. We will post a copy on the website and make copies for the Select Board and the landowners included in the watershed. DW will get pricing from Staples, approximately \$22/copy. One of the landowners has made a generous contribution toward the cost of the Watershed Study. A get-together of the owners and walks of the watershed properties are possible future activities. The PCC expects to provide signage for the area.

**Saving Special Places Conference April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Mika and CW attended.

**LUTC Percentage Increase Proposal to BOS**

We will propose this for discussion at the next BOS meeting.

**New Business:**

**Pittsfield Storage Expansion Plan Lot R15/30**

Randall Shuey presented the engineering plans to expand this storage area. These plans include the potential wetland impact and how they expect to compensate for any negative wetland impact. We voted 3 – 1 to support the planned storage expansion as presented.

**VRAP River Assessment Presentation Owen David**

Owen brought information about equipment available from the Volunteer River Assessment Program to monitor water quality. Ross thought some of the students involved in the Town Forest project might be interested in being part of this program.

**Dustin Barker Forest Tree Damage Information and Forestry Plan**

Jake Bronnenberg proposes cutting up and removing downed pine trees in the Dustin Barker forest. Access to the area and any wetland impact were discussed, but deemed a non-issue as there is already road access and no trees will be cut. There is some urgency to removing the trees soon as they will start to stain quickly with the warmer weather. The PCC voted 3 - 1 to engage Jake Bronnenberg to carry out this task. However, one member was not sure if it was within the PCC's jurisdiction to hire someone for this task, so CH will bring it to the next BOS meeting.

**DES Wetland Application / Notifications (RSA482:A).**

Courtesy copy received. No action taken.

**Spring Migration Bird Walk, May 12, 7-9 a.m.**

Steve Hale will lead his popular spring migration bird walk over the Bachelder Farm Conservation Easement, Bear-Paw's latest conservation easement in Pittsfield.

**Adjournment:** 9:20 PM.

**Next Meeting:** May 24, 2018

**Prepared by:** DW Secretary