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Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes

March 05, 2020

7:00 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 7:05 PM by Tim Moore
2. Roll call: Present: Tim Moore, Charles Blinn, John Blinn (Selectmen's Representative), Olaf Westphalen
Excused: Jill Senter, David Averill
3. Review/approval of minutes Postponed
4. Mark West, West Environmental, reports on his progress in the identification and possible implementation of a prime wetland ordinance. Mr. West has identified the first two phases as described below:
Phase 1 – Inventory
 - Each wetland must have a 2-acre minimum, unless special circumstances are present such as habitat for a rare or endangered plant or animal.
 - The wetland MUST BE a vegetative wetland and not just open water like a lake, or a river.
 - The report will state whether or not the wetland has public access.
 - Inventory reportPhase 2 – Wetland evaluation
 - Each wetland will be evaluated for its current of possible future function. Part of the evaluation will come from the Conservation Commission's review of the Inventory Report.Phase 3 – Preparation of a prime wetland ordinance, public hearing, and warrant for the 2021 Town Meeting warrant.
5. Discussion with Charlie Zilch, SEC Associates Inc. and Ethan Conley, a 43 Forrest St landowner (Tax map 48, lot 39). Mr. Conley would like to develop a piece property (Tax

map 48, lot 40) which he owns and abuts his Forrest St property. However, the property is essentially landlocked, that is, it has no frontage so it would require a long driveway through either Mr. Conley's property or a long driveway from Woodland Dr. The Woodland Dr. access would require some crossing of wetlands. The usual position of the Conservation Commission is to recommend a solution that requires the least amount of wetlands disturbance. Because this was only a discussion no formal motions were made, and no votes were taken.

6. The review of the proposed trail plan by Lew Shelley, SnowHawk LLC, continued. Brent Ebner reported that Lew's report reverted back to the original trail plan and recommended that most of the new trails created in the last two or three years be closed. Brent and the Conservation Commission both felt that Lew's report was pretty aggressive in the closure recommendations.

Brent agreed to come back to the Commission at a future meeting with an alternate set of trail closures.

7. Old Business

- None

8. New Business

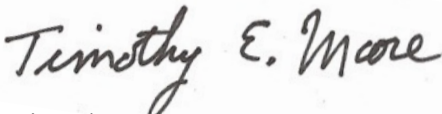
- Next meeting date – April 2, 2020

9. Communications

- Review information in the Conservation Commission mail folder – no new material in folder.

10. Meeting adjournment: At 9:15 PM by Tim Moore

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy E. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Timothy E. Moore
Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission