

**Rochester Conservation Commission
Minutes of September 19, 2023**

Present: Christopher Gerrior, Chairman
Bendrix Bailey, Vice Chairman
Matthew Bache
Mike Gifford
Carl MacDermott
William Milka
Drew McManus

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Dawn DeMaggio, Board Administrator
Danielle Craig, Recording Secretary

The meeting convened via Zoom video conference ID # 81876634265. Chairman Gerrior called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting started with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He took attendance of members, staff, applicants and representatives and stated the meeting was being broadcast on Zoom and was being recorded.

Commission Business

For Signature

Minutes

A motion to pass the minutes of September 5, 2023 was made by Member Bache and seconded by Member MacDermott. **The motion was passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. (6-0-1)**

Vouchers

Fileguard, August Storage, Invoice 82021, \$19.50
MACC, Fundamentals Training – Gifford, Invoice 200012658, \$65.00

A motion to accept all vouchers was made by Member Bailey and seconded by Member Bache. **The motion was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (7-0-0)**

Old Business

Addendum to Application to Rochester Conservation Commission

Agent Kelly passed out printed copies to each of the board members. Conservation members did not approve of the new edits. They want stronger language that distinctly defines the expectations of site visits by Conservation members prior to approval of any application.

Member Bache made a motion to accept the original language prior to edits.
Member Milka seconded the motion.
The motion was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (7-0-0)

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532 Snipatuit Road

Agent Kelly performed a site visit today. She stated new poles and wires are now installed. The old poles and wires were still on the property. No other work has been done. She has issued an Enforcement Order that also explains to the property owner that they need to file a Notice of Intent before proceeding with the cleanup. Town Counsel submitted a response on the matter that was unclear to the Conservation Commission on what the next steps will be if the property owner does not comply with the Enforcement Order. Agent Kelly will respond to Town Counsel's response on the matter to get clarification on next steps. Conservation members requested that Agent Kelly amend the Enforcement Order that states a new deadline of October 1, 2023. Fining will begin if the property owner does not comply.

89 Box Turtle Drive

Agent Kelly mentioned that Brad Holmes stated they are starting work. They plan to remove fill material along the edge of the restoration area and get set up for planting. Agent Kelly will perform a site visit on September 20, 2023.

Conservation Restriction: Red Brick Farm East

Chairman Gerrior stated he would like Town Counsel to reengage to make sure all measures were taken to make this happen. Agent Kelly will ask Town Counsel to explore all the possible avenues taken to complete this agreement.

New Business

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife – review of BioMap

Sarah Wasserman, a BioMap Outreach Specialist was present for the meeting. Her role is primarily user support and technical assistance. She presented a slideshow with detailed information about BioMap. BioMap is located online and can be found at mass.gov/BioMap.

Agent Update

Agent Kelly stated that she is waiting for a notice from two lots on Clapp Road that are ready to build.

General Business

Member McManus volunteered to clean up and maintain the Land Trust walking trails in town. Member Bailey stated he would offer help as well, if needed.

Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on October 3rd, 2023.

Member Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.

Member MacDermott seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. (7-0-0)

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Date: 10/3/23



Christopher Gerrior, Chairman



Danielle Craig, Recording Secretary