

**APPROVED MINUTES - CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**APPROVED 5/04/21 R/C 6-0-0**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 6:30 P.M., ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE (HELD REMOTELY)**

**MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, 870 MORaine STREET, MARSHFIELD, MA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – James Kilcoyne (JK) Chair, Bert O'Donnell (BO) Vice Chair, Arthur Lage (AL), Joe Ring (JR), Susan Caron (SC), Rick Carberry (PC), Craig Hannafin (CH), Eric Flint, Conservation Agent (EF); and Bill Grafton, Conservation Administrator (BG)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT** – None

**CALL TO ORDER** – JK motions to open the meeting at 6:30 PM. CH second. Approved 7-0-0.

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

- Meetings will be held remotely until further notice as per the Governor's Emergency Executive Order of March 12, 2020, suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. All votes will be taken by roll call. Commissioners should identify themselves before speaking, and all parties should mute themselves until they want to speak.
- JK notes that the Commission has been conducting remote meetings for nearly a year, and would like to hear from Commissioners whether they would like to continue to conduct meetings by Zoom or go back to in-person Town Hall meetings when conditions permit. The public meeting laws once the State of Emergency is ended will be a factor in the meeting format.

**BUSINESS**

**B1 251 Damon's Point Road Restoration Plan Finalization** – Bill Grafton & Brad Holmes

- Attorney Adam Brodsky (AB) and Brad Holmes (BH), ECR, present for applicants; Commission consultant Jon Rockwood, EcoTec also present. JR notes that that BH and he have worked out a restoration plan; BH revised the plan to reflect Commission comments, and JR has drafted a confirmation letter recommending acceptance of the plan with qualifying conditions for the Commission's consideration. JR thinks the revised plan addresses the concerns of all parties and will ultimately create the desired forest habitat in the buffer zone. BH concurs with JR's comments. AB thanks JR and the Commission for working with BH. Property owner Ed O'Cain (EO) indicates he supports the plan and is eager to move forward. He will be providing additional funding to the Commission for JR's additional services.
- JK supports acceptance of the plan as proposed and thanks EO for his understanding. CH supports the plan but would like clarification regarding the use of herbicides.

At this point in the proceedings, the meeting is disrupted by unknown Zoom bombers. JK consults offline with Town Counsel, who recommends that the meeting be suspended.

JK motions that the public meeting be suspended for technical reasons. BO second. Approved 7-0-0.

JK motions that the public meeting be reopened. BO second. Approved 7-0-0.

JK notes that Town Counsel has advised him the Commission has the authority to continue the meeting to a date certain without having to post a legal ad in the newspaper, but the date must be announced at this meeting and then posted on the Town Web site. After further discussion, it is decided to continue the public meeting on Thursday, April 22 to avoid a possible conflict if Town Meeting runs over into Tuesday, April 27, and to avoid any potential 21-day conflicts.

JK motions that the public meeting be continued to a date certain, April 22 at 6:30 pm, and that the Web site be updated accordingly. JR second. Approved 7-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – JK motions to close the April 20 public meeting, to be reopened at 6:30 pm on April 22. CH second. Approved 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Grafton, Conservation Administrator

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
Liz Anoja, Conservation Administrative Clerk  
Eric Flint, Conservation Agent  
James Kilcoyne, Chair  
Arthur Lage  
Craig Hannafin  
Susan Caron

Bert O'Donnell, Vice Chair  
Joe Ring  
Rick Carberry