

## Conservation Commission Minutes

Date of meeting: July 21, 2022

Members present: Brian Williams, Luke Longstreeth, Virginia Martell

Attendees: Phil Genovese, Michael Wood, Mike Cahill, Greg Omasta, Meg Woytik

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Meeting opened by Brian Williams at 6:01 P.M.

**1) RDA Hearing Smith Academy walking path**

Superintendent, Michael Wood and DPW director, Phil Genovese is present for the meeting. They are proposing a walking path at Smith Academy High School that will run the perimeter of the athletic fields. The plan would also involve removing 6" of loam and fill with gravel and stone. Phil Genovese states that the landscape elevation would not change. Resident, Mike Cahill, states some concerns about the proposed location on the path. The Commission inquires about any wetlands on the property. Phil Genovese says that the project would be within 100 FT of the buffer zone, however they have not hired a surveyor to note the delineations. Small discussion of the site plan. The Commission would like to see a professional site plan with the proposed walking path flagged. Phil Genovese and Michael Wood agree to come back before the Commission with a more detailed plan. They will also set up a site visit with the Commission when the path gets flagged.

**2) RDA Hearing, Greg Omasta, controlling knotweed 137 N. Hatfield Rd**

Greg Omasta of North Hatfield Rd is present for the meeting. He has submitted an RDA for removing Japanese Knotweed on his property. He presents a plan of action that was written up by Randy Prostack, an agricultural weed specialist from UMASS. It includes a detail description of the process and lists the herbicides products that would be recommended to use. Small discussion on the products. Greg Omasta highlights how important it is to eradicate these knotweeds at the root. Further discussion on the plan written by Randy Prostack. The Commission is satisfied with the plan written out by Randy Prostack.

*(Clarification on the vote)*

**3) NOI Hearing, Turf Care restoration, 59 Dwight St**

Meg Woytik from Tighe and Bond is present for the meeting. Tighe and Bond have submitted an RDA on behalf of Turf Care Supply at 59 Dwight Street. They are proposing a restoration project of wetland resource area and an installment of a barrier along the

perimeter of the parking lot at Turf Care. Small discussion on the timeframe of this project. Meg Woytik verifies that the applicant would like this work done before the winter months. The barrier would protect the resource area from debris coming from the parking lot area. Including debris from snow removal services. The Commission is satisfied with the Plan that has been submitted.

Meeting minutes from May 12, 2022, reviewed. Minutes approved.

Next meeting will be TBD

Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM

Submitted by

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