

TOWN OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
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Stoneham Conservation Commission  
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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 10 2023 REMOTE 7 PM

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Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Norman L'Esperance and Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson

## DISCUSSION

### Conservation Commission Organization

Alex Rozycki and Jessica Gerke Co Chairs

Appointment to Storm water

Motion to accept Alex Rozycki to storm water board, nominated by Jessica Gerke, seconded by Megan Day. Roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Norman L'Esperance and Domenick Cimina yes 5/0

### Whip Hill

Garden Club requests electrical work update

Jessica Gerke spoke to administrator of trust Ellen McBride that Conservation Commission should approve work that is timely and necessary for upkeep. Trust will fund work if they agree. SCC needs to approve to move forward. Electrical work requested so three prong outlets are more accessible. Alex Rozycki says he doesn't feel strongly but fine to move it along. Megan Day comments this is a small request but same problem of gray area of Whip Hill, requested punch list from Jim Previte to know upcoming maintenance as project list. Motion to approve electrical work by Alex Rozycki pending trust approval seconded by Norman L'Esperance. Roll call Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Norman L'Esperance and Domenick Cimina yes 5/0

### Updates

*Jessica Gerke*

Sustainable Landscape Workshop- participating in a grant with Winchester and Arlington to encourage more homeowner and municipal building participation and first of three landscaping workshop moved to auditorium at Stoneham Town Hall tomorrow. Jessica Gerke attended steering committee meeting. Handbook will be updated for participating towns. Lists of plants available at local businesses. Compost sticker from public works gets a pamphlet suggestion from Alex Rozycki.

Stoneham 101 – May event living with wetlands brochure for new homeowners. Brochure can be set out. Hundreds of people cycle through per Megan Day. Raise awareness with conservation sticker with native seed packets. Megan Day said people like freebies. They stuff bags. 11-1pm at library May 6, 2023. Jessica Gerke will talk about costs of seed packets. Alex Rozycki asks about budget for community outreach.

### **Miscellaneous**

Report at Town Meeting?

Speak at Town Meeting May 1, 2023. Opportunity to solicit participation of members, and update what we've been working on. Alex Rozycki doesn't feel strongly and doesn't need to be public face of Conservation. Megan Day comments folks want meeting to get underway. Jessica Gerke doesn't have the need to share what we're working on.

Jessica Gerke acknowledged Richard Jackson is volunteering and going before Select Board.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2023**

Motion to approve Alex Rozycki seconded by Domenick Cimina. Roll call yes Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Norman L'Esperance and Domenick Cimina 5/0

Next Meeting May 2, 2023

### **Executive Session if Necessary**

To discuss strategy with respect to all pending litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Town and the chair so declares pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 30A sec. 21(a)(3) to wit: Rear Hillside v. Stoneham Conservation Commission and Weiss Farm v. Stoneham

Motion to move into executive session and not return to meeting made by seconded by Alex Rozycki Roll call yes Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Norman L'Esperance and Domenick Cimina 5/0