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Town Hall
35 Central Street

Stoneham Conservation Commission
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STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 2 2023 REMOTE 7 PM

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

DISCUSSION

Cemetery Repair

Brett Gonsalves

Lindenwood Cemetery Sweetwater Brook repairs

Emergency order to do repair work, from DPW director Sweetwater brook borders Devlin stone. Cobbles deteriorated. Mortar around cobbles have eroded and fallen into brook, would like to repair and re-mortar. 50 feet to east second area where there is a wash out part of bank that has drain pipe that handles water from up the hill. Bank eroded because pipe separated. Rebuild to existing wall and cap off with stone, and extend pipe and dress with trap rock to stop erosion. Would like to address immediately so there are no more impacts.

Jessica Gerke asks if pipe on top of hill part of distance? Answer is pipe was in the brook and put on bank. Will build wall up and then add gravel and stone for proper drainage and pipe extension will be about 4 feet into brook.

Alex Rozycki asks if water will be redirected? Brett Gonsalves answers without rain can do this without any impact so there is minimal flow. Wants stream low to properly rebuild wall.

Jessica Gerke agrees to sign emergency order.

30 Hall Rd

Beena Jacob

Wetlands protection

Tree was uprooting in November and the brook is below her property. Dr Jacob said there was a storm about a month ago and tree fell across land with some in the brook. Jessica Gerke said pictures said tree has been cut, but brush is in yard. Pieces of trunk lined up along brook, need to be moved away from brook as it will cause issues with erosion and change brook flow.

Dr Jacob says neighbors are moving in and out of her property, all walking around and think wetland is free land. A neighbor said its good its in a pile. Dr. Jacob was afraid kids from Rita Street would fall on tree and get injured. Dr. Jacob said she will get pile moved out. Dr. Jacob asked about things happening in the neighborhood. Kids coming across structure at brook. Dr. Jacob asks who is responsible if accident. Structures across wetlands as well as a swing exist. 3 Rita Street bringing stones into wetland area. 28 Hall Rd cut tree so his daughter could go to her friends on Rita Street.

Alex Rozycki says no trespassing sign, notify police department, she can remove bridge. Alex Rozycki offers to send letter to neighbors. Jessica Gerke offers to put brochure in mailboxes.

Dr. Jacob asks about dog walkers. Jessica Gerke answers if it is their property they can walk on it.

Whip Hill

Garden Club requests bench, trash can, sign and bike rack

Jessica Gerke states Garden club made suggestions for Whip Hill. Trash can is not likely to happen, carry in and carry out facility. Sign will be replaced at pollinator garden by Garden Club. Bench may or may not be pursued. Bike rack may be a helpful addition. Megan Day thinks there is a bike rack in the parking lot. Attorney Galvin had a discussion with Megan Day about Whip Hill. Legally we need an agreement with caretakers. What happens if someone is injured on the property? Alex Rozycki says this is the Town's, no way to expend expenses, mortification unless there is funding and installation, doesn't think we should be making plans for Whip Hill. Megan Day asked Dennis Sheehan if she could reach out to Bob Galvin, Mr Sheehan agreed and her understanding that Galvin was unaware of this property. Trust has well cared for Whip Hill. Town end so it is not a liability. Ellen McBride spoke to Jess Gerke who said any needs or maintenance are handled by caretaker. Jessica Gerke agrees process is important. Alex Rozycki said there may be grants available for bike rack. Megan Day said there is no agreement that facilitates people living there. There is no agreement saying caretakers can stay there and what timeframe is. There is the possibility of losing the property per Megan Day, Jessica Gerke says its not the property it's the funds. Alex Rozycki asks that someone on the Town side let us know how to proceed.

Miscellaneous

Stoneham 101 5/6/23- Jessica Gerke asks how many flyers we should provide. Megan Day is stuffing 150 bags, or 100 at the library. There are coupons from local businesses. Megan Day can pickup from Town Hall tomorrow.

Welcome Richard Jackson

His family has been in Stoneham, been here since late 1600s, grandmother's property near Colonial Park school was given to the Town abutting Whip Hill and fields of Weiss Farm. His uncle was on the building committee for the skating rink. Spent his life in Stoneham. His children are grown, spending some time in Conservation Commission. Family of carpenters, recently dissolved, works for DPW as an operator.

Sustainable Workshop: Sustainable Landscape Construction / Implementation

Saturday May 20, 1 - 3PM Winchester Public Library, 80 Washington St.

Approve Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2023

Motion to approve minutes by Alex Rozycki seconded by Norman L'Esperance Roll call yes 6/0 Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson and Norman L'Esperance

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alex Rozycki seconded by Norman L'Esperance Roll call yes 6/0 Jessica Gerke, Alex Rozycki, Megan Day, Domenick Cimina, Richard Jackson and Norman L'Esperance

Next Meeting May 22, 2023