

TOWN OF  
**STONEHAM**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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Stoneham Conservation Commission  
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**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

**June 13 2022**

**REMOTE 7 PM**

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**Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino, Joel Seeley, Naomi Valentine, Louis and Connie Filosi, Dennis Sheehan, Ale Echandi, Jamie McCarthy, Raymie Parker, Jeanne Grieve, Rich Kirby LEC**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Stoneham High School Project #297-0406**

*Joel Seeley/Dennis Sheehan*

Notice of Intent

Plans with 25 foot no disturb received. There is a 10 business day appeal period. In light of proximity for stockpile to Meetinghouse Brook please use siltation fences.

Motion to approve project with conditions as prepared by Commission by Bob Parsons seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

**Veterans Lane #297-0407**

*Richard Kirby, LEC*

Notice of Intent for restoration work

Storm water infrastructure gave out and sediment and fill moved to adjacent wetland and stream.

Infrastructure was fixed and slope was shored up, bettered with flow dissipators. Wetland restoration by hydrovac and supervised by wetland scientist. Anticipate recovery by herbaceous layer, want to have regrowth and will reexamine next spring.

Bid happening, Town will fund, restoration will be monitored.

Raymie Parker asks what it will cost. Dennis Sheehan comments it could be \$60,000-90,000 so waiting for bids. Capital committee supportive of request.

Raymie Parker thinks State should have helped with emergency part.

Dennis Sheehan pursue balance from July, used some reserve to get to end of fiscal year.

Motion to close public hearing and approve project by Alex Rozycki and seconded by Bob Parsons. Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

**11 Aspen Lane #297-0408**

*Matt Rodriguez*

Notice of Intent for home improvement project near wetlands

Ellen McBride thanks for the kind email.

Motion to approve by Bob Parsons, seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

**Pond St #297-0409**

*Naomi Valentine*

DCR Middlesex Fells Notice of Intent

Ale Echandi DCR in partnership with Friends of the Fells to continue invasive management within Middlesex Reservation at Whip Hill. SWCA wetland delineation. 3-5 year plan.

Naomi Valentine SWCA invasive plant management as ecological restoration to protect wildlife habitat. Heritage said project can move forward, BVW and 100 foot buffer zone project takes place. Plants scattered, northeast to Spot Pond. Location is cross the street from the zoo behind Greenwood Park. Delineation shown on screen, vernal pools and 2 streams identified.

Management activities based on annual fiscal plan, will submit a more detailed plan and volunteers will predominantly perform manual hand pulling/cutting back. Management of invasives as ecological restoration does plan to restore with native plantings, plans will be submitted to Conservation Commission to insure invasives don't come back. DCR matching 2 to 1 Friends of the Fells funding for herbicide applicators for painting of stumps.

Ellen McBride is this the first of many within the Fells?

2017 plan guided the invasive management enhancement plan.

Virginia Woods Dam project asked to include invasive management.

Bob Parsons very promising that DCR has such positive projects. Requests update reports to help Stoneham Conservation Commission monitor. Asked if there is a data management system that can be shared? Better management of resource areas to catalogue and inventory.

Ale Echandi plans to summarize annual document and for upcoming year so SCC is aware of technique changes. Invasives are mapped, data dictionary that allows them to compare and contrast. Photo documents also done pre and post management, at the same time of year.

Naomi Valentine DCR data collection process is helpful for follow up monitoring as they use related products to compare.

Bob Parsons asks if Brett Gonsalves as GIS coordinator can stay in touch. Dennis Sheehan agrees.

Alex Rozycki comments Town has been working on parcel north and west, if there is any information that can be used please share. Japanese Knotweed cut, before herbicide, does it need to be taken out of site or do you let it decompose in contained area?

Above ground Japanese knotweed doesn't regenerate very well per Naomi Valentine. Solarizing in place is a viable method. Table 3 describes how you could use different methods, and there are notes on disposal.

Ale Echandi said if the knotweed is free and clear of herbicide the Zoo will use it if packaged properly. Rattle snakes relocation from Blue Hills.

Raymie Parker asks for copy of plan.

Letters of support mentioned, in file.

Majority of invasives in disturbed areas.

Commission approves for 5 years.

Motion to close public hearing by Bob Parsons, seconded by Rob Fotino. Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

Motion to approve DCR project by Bob Parsons, seconded by Rob Fotino Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

**Doherty's Lane #297-0360**

*Charles Houghton*

Request for certificate of compliance

Motion to approve by Bob Parsons seconded by Alex Rozycki Roll call yes 4/0

Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

**DISCUSSION**

**Whip Hill**

- Jeanne Grieve, Garden Club planting

Pollinator Garden at Whip Hill. Keep Massachusetts Beautiful grant, small meadow 30x75 feet encroached by Japanese Knotweed. Invasive roses will be removed. Native pollinators planted, later in the fall clear some areas and sow seeds with native wildflowers and grasses. Jim Previte to mow 3x per year and leave for pollinators. Put signs up to let hikers/etc know the benefits and transform perineal beds to have pollinators. 3-4 year project. Natural precipitation. Keep public informed, and Keep Stoneham Beautiful will present to Keep Massachusetts Beautiful. Girl scouts may help too. Ellen McBride thinks it's great, if funding is needed Town can be asked. Local cultural council may give grants as well. Town Day bucket for donating to pollinators. Trail mark sign has 8 park rules. Will add sign to pollinator garden.

Alex Rozycki mentions green space that politicians may be willing to fund.

Ellen McBride happy to support efforts to ask for funding for politicians. Michael Day or Jason Lewis may be able to assist.

Ellen McBride mentions Conservation Commission would support in letter.

Growing wild in MA link from Alex Rozycki from Ale Echandi will email.

**3 Daniel Drive**

*Joseph Penney*

DCR report and Amended Enforcement Order

Ellen McBride asks Bob Parsons to review.

**Storm Water Wetlands Restoration Project**

*Alex Rozycki*

DPW Conservation survey

Horsely Witten working on it, no update at this point. May be a few months until we hear about the grant. Town may need to facilitate access with Stoneham High School project.

Raymie Parker mentions ARPA dollars starting, Dennis Sheehan says work scoped out separate from MVP.

**Approve Meeting Minutes May 23, 2022**

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Bob Parsons by Alex Rozycki and seconded by Bob Parsons. Roll call yes 4/0 Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino

Next Meeting July 11, 2022

Motion to adjourn meeting by Alex Rozycki and seconded by Bob Parsons Roll call 4/0 yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Alex Rozycki, Rob Fotino