

Montague Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2020- 6:30pm

HELD REMOTE via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Commissioners Present: M. Fairbrother (Chair), S.Werle, D. Henson, J.Fermann, D. Francis, L. Reid

Absent: Alex Peterkin

Staff: Walter Ramsey (Agent)

6:30PM: Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order.

6:31pm: PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent #2020-01 filed by Town of Montague for the replacement of the bridge on Chestnut Hill Loop Road, affecting a perennial stream and associated resource areas. The work will occur in the municipal right-of way associated with the roadway. Ken Robinson presents: engineers updated resource area impacts with an addendum. DEP file # and comments were received 30 minutes before the meeting. Engineer will review comments in detail and provide responses for the July meeting. Abutters had questions about limits of work and project timeframe. Conservation agent will meet with abutters prior to next meeting to address their concerns and comments. Hearing was declared continued to July 9 at 6:30pm. Present: Ken Robinson- Fieldstone Land Consultants, Abutters: Layla Hazen, Chris Trebison, Mark Cohen

6:51pm: Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020. Deb Hensen would like to change/ flag a part of the minutes attributed to her at 7:05pm. MOTION to approve with correction by D.H seconded by S.W. Vote: J.F. (Y), D.H. (Y) Francis, Holland abstain. MOTION PASSES.

6:50pm: Conservation Agent Report

6:52pm: Topics not anticipated. Herbicide use on the on the Montague Plains

A Lake Pleasant resident expressed concern about Fish and Game's stated plan to apply herbicide on the Plains. The Commission does not have jurisdiction of this issue. D.H. remarks that it could be looked into from a Board of Health standpoint. The Planning and Conservation Department will communicate with Fish and Wildlife to relay concerns and get information about the type of herbicide being used. Walter will brief Board of Health as well.

7:03pm: NOI 2018-05 Sandy Lane Solar update: Clearing has begun and they will start bringing in truckloads of fill. Work will continue throughout the summer. W.R. inspected the erosion control. Work is going according to plan.

MOTION to adjourn by M.F. Seconded by S.W. VOTE UNANAMOUS MOTION PASSES 7:05PM

Approved by: _____ Date: _____