SUTTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
February 25, 2020
MINUTES

Present: Andrew DeWolfe, Chair, William Wence, Vice-Chair, Joyce Smith, Clerk, Michael McGovem, and Zachary Peloquin,
Unavailable: and Associate: Nichole Aubin

Pledge of Allegiance
6:00 pm
1. 1. Associate member interview/discussion.

A. DeWolfe introduced James Marran, Burbank Road, Sutton, MA interested in becoming an Associate member.

J. Smith asked if he would be willing to go to the MACC conference to take classes about Wetland Protection and Conservation. The Certificate requires 8 Units, 3 of which can be taken as webinars.

J. Marran agrees to get the Certificate. He is on the ZBA board also.

1. 2. Beaton Land acquisition discussion/vote for Waters Farm additional land.

J. Smith read the letter from the Town Manager, James Smith, to request the $80,000 from Conservation toward the purchase this land. The Town will put $5,000 per year into the Conservation Fund to reimburse this Fund. The fund was forgotten about and the money has accumulated through interest since 1983.

W. Wence said it was a good use of the money in the Fund for the land. He will vote to move on this. He asked if there should be a Conservation Restriction placed on Waters Farm.

J. Smith said that it is not necessary, as this cannot be sold. If Sutton no longer wants Waters Farm it would revert to Dorothea Waters Maran’s heirs.

A. DeWolfe feels this is a good move to purchase this land.

John Hebert, Singletary Ave, said he goes way back with Waters Farm. Mr. Al Beaton put the land in a trust, just for Waters Farm days parking. He thinks it’s imperative that the town purchases this property. He is all for putting the money back in the Conservation Fund account.

Motion: I make a motion to approve the use of $80,000 from the Conservation Fund/Trust for the purchase of 6 acres of former Beaton land. J. Smith

2nd: W. Wence

Vote: 5-0-0
1.3. Bylaw workshop - public encouraged to attend.

A.DeWolfe explained what was discussed at the last meeting, and the Commission was looking for ideas.

This discussion was on the general Bylaws but no Bylaws were brought up. It was requested that a list of minor exemptions be put on the web site, along with a list of native trees and shrubs.

A.DeWolfe stated that the Dock policy needs to be updated.

J. Smith replied any permanent dock needs a Chapter 91 permit from the state.

1.4. Board Business

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3. The March 4 meeting can not be moved, as the applicants of 2 hearings did not agree to continue and there will be a quorum. Meetings with hearings must be approved at a prior meeting.

Motion: To move the new filings to a March 11, 2020 meeting, and to cancel the meeting on March 18, 2020, by J. Smith

2nd: W. Wence

Vote: 5-0-0

Anyone interested in purchasing the DVD for any public hearing at this meeting, please contact Pam Nichols in the Cable office or you can view the minutes and video at www.suttonma.org.

Motion: To adjourn, by J. Smith

2nd: W. Wence

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 7:45 pm
TOWN OF SUTTON

I, Nichole C. Aubin certify that I have examined all evidence received
(Name)

at the missed session of the Conservation Commission on 2/25/2020
(Board/Commission/Committee) (Date of missed meeting)

which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a

transcript thereof.

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Signature

2/27/2020  
date signed

This written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing.