

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION      **Approved 1/21/2016**  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2015 7:30 PM  
Wellesley Main Library/Town Hall, Lower Level

**Public Hearing for Hunnewell Track and Field**

The board discussed several topics regarding the Track and Field Project. **After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 in favor of permitting the re-alignment of the track to accommodate a wider variety of sports. After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 to continue the hearing to a later date to allow time to review more specific information regarding the field and track surface materials, scoreboard design, landscape design.**

**\*Meeting continued at the NRC offices at Town Hall**

**NRC Goal Setting**

The board discussed goal-setting and the distinction between departmental goals and the director's professional goals and agreed to work collaboratively on future evaluations and goal-setting.

**Commissioners Report**

- Bag Ban for Annual Town Meeting. **After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 in favor of submitting a warrant article to regulate the use of plastic bags in Wellesley, including a possible ban.** The proponents will need to meet with the Board of Public Health, Advisory, Selectmen, and Board of Public Works. Mr. Schmitt will develop the warrant placeholder, which will be as broad as possible while the subsequent motion will include specific regulatory language.
- Encroachment at Washington St: Ms. Gaughan explained a recent complaint she received about an encroachment at 436 and 440 Washington St. Mr. Schmitt will be working with the DPW to resolve the issue. Should initial attempts be unsuccessful, the board will pursue action under the Town Encroachment policy.

**Director's Report**

- Rt. 9 Stakeholder Session: Mr. Schmitt reported that he had attended the Rt. 9 Stakeholder session held by the Planning Department. He encouraged the board to review the Departments website and read through the Rt. 9 Plan. Ms. McManus also informed the board about the survey that was also on the Planning website.
- Contract/Project Updates: Mr. Schmitt updated the board on various projects, including the Morses Pond Mgt. plan, Morses Pond erosion study, IPM plan update, Comprehensive Pond plan, re-zoning effort, and Community Garden management.
- Staffing Update: Mr. Schmitt explained that the Wetlands scribe position was available. **The board then discussed the departmental reporting structure, and after a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 to have the Wetlands administrator report to the NRC director.**
- Centennial Pamphlet and Trail opening: Mr. Schmitt reported that Ms. Hawkinson, Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator, had taken photographs of the Eagle

Scout installing the final post for the Nature Trail at Centennial Park. Mr. Schmitt will send out a final draft of the pamphlet to be placed at the trail.

- Use of NRC Park and Pathway funds to supplement Track and Field Project: Mr. Schmitt explained that during planning for the Track and Field project, the planning group had discussed outside sources of funding to supplement the projects budget. Mr. Schmitt inquired about the use of Park, Path and Sidewalk money for improvements to the Smith Street Sidewalk. The board did not expect that the project would need financial support from the NRC account, and would prefer to use the money in other areas of the parks, including the improvement of the trail along the Smith Street parking lot.

**Review/Approve November 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17 and December 1, 2 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 in favor to approve the minutes as amended.**

**Items not reasonably anticipated prior to posting**

N/A

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM