



**NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION REMOTE ONLINE  
MEETING AGENDA  
January 7, 2021, 7 PM**

**Approved 1-21-2021**

**Present:** Raina McManus, Chair; Laura Robert, Vice Chair; Jay McHale; Katie Griffith; Allison Burson; Brandon Schmitt, Director

**Guests:** Dave Hickey, Wellesley DPW

**Public Speak:** No one spoke for Public Speak.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

- **Climate Emergency** Some of the NRC attended the Charles River Watershed Climate Compact workshop. More will be discussed in the Director's Report.
- **Vote Bench Donation Acceptance: Post Office Park** There was a donation of a bench proposed at the Post Office facing Town Hall. There are no other benches in this area. *A motion was made and seconded to approve the acceptance of a bench donation in Post Office Park. The motion was approved 5-0.*
- **Establish Meeting Date for Hunnewell Fields Lighting discussion** The board will put this topic item on their agenda for the meeting of 1/21/2021. The school committee will be invited.
- **Gas Leaks: Proposed Legislation from Gas Leaks Allies** New legislation has been proposed regarding funding opportunities surrounding gas leaks, which includes the protection of trees and tree planting efforts. The board expressed their interest in support of this bill.
- **Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)** Mr. Schmitt elaborated on the progress of the OSRP. This included a timeline and a budget, and the use of hiring a consultant for assistance with the plan.
- **Aqueduct Bathroom Specifications Review** Mr. Dave Hickey presented different options for materials to be used on the aqueduct bathroom building. Mr. Schmitt shared survey reports from the board regarding siding textures and colors.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Playing Fields Task Force:** Ms. Burson shared about the PFTF's meeting discussing sharing field use.

**Mobility Committee:** Ms. Burson shared about the Mobility Committee's meeting discussing funding and allocations in the state transportation bond bill, as well as transportation connectivity updates.

**Trails:** Ms. Robert shared planned changes to a trail within the recommended exclusions zone to the AUL (Area under landfill) at the North 40. In collaboration with DPW, a new trail will be created to relocate a trail section. Also, Trails will be doing a new 5 year plan and continue to improve trail mapping.

**Community Preservation Committee:** Ms. McManus shared about the CPC's meeting and the discussion of potentially funding a new weed harvester.

**Director's Report:**

Mr. Schmitt discussed the Charles River Watershed Association Climate Compact regarding a regional-wide flood model for the River.

Mr. Schmitt also expanded on the gas leak issue in Wellesley mentioning the potential for a website to help locate these leaks.

The Town Tree Planting Program should be taking off again in the spring.

Mr. Schmitt gave updates regarding Moses Pond, including contracted hydroraking by residents, and permitting for phosphorus inactivation and harvesting.

**Approve Minutes:**

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the meeting on December 3, 2020. The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.*

**Schedule Future Meetings:**

N/A

**Urgent Items Not Anticipated Prior to 48-hours of Posting:**

N/A

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leah Wallner, NRC Clerk