



NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION REMOTE ONLINE

MEETING AGENDA

February 4, 2021, 7 PM

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Approved 2-18-2021

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

Guests: Ben Mirick, Bea Bezmalinovic, Kerry Sullivan

Public Speak: Nobody was present for public speak.

Action/Discussion Items:

- **Eagle Scout Project: Vote on Bird Houses at Centennial Park** Ben Mirick from the Life Scouts presented the project of bird house installation at Centennial Park. *After discussion, a motion was made and seconded, the board voted 5-0 in favor of the project.*
- **Open Space and Recreation Plan** Mr. Schmitt updated the board with the progress of the Open Space and Recreation Plan renewal. A potential public questionnaire was presented.
- **Climate Emergency** See below Pollinator Habitat Project.
- **Pollinator Habitat Project** Ms. Griffith and Ms. Bezmalinovic presented slides regarding the Wellesley Pollinator Pathway, focusing on goals to benefit wildlife as well as promote public awareness.

Perrin Park playground Discussion: Mr. Schmitt reiterated the projects at Perrin Park, including the Community Preservation Act (CPA) funded renovations to the basketball court, as well as the planned upgrades to the playground area and its equipment. The playground project may need to be deferred by the DPW due to potential budget cuts. Resident Kerry Sullivan called in to discuss concerns regarding the renovations at the basketball court, which include the addition of lines for pickleball, as well as other concerns about parkland management in general.

Liaison Reports:

Trails: Ms. Robert reported on new self-guided trails which will be coming soon. The Trail's 5-year plan is going to be revisited.

Mobility: Ms. Burson reported on a transportation planning process to look further into reducing greenhouse gases.

Wetlands: Mr. McHale reported on his experience with his first Wetland's meeting.

Ms. McManus shared that the NRC and the School Committee will be holding a joint meeting February 9th at 6:30 PM to discuss Hunnewell Field, including the lighting discussion.

Director's Report:

Review and Possible Vote on Permit Requests:

- Mr. Schmitt shared that the Wellesley Theater Project at Wellesley Town Green Bowl withdrew their permit request.
- Mr. Schmitt presented a request from the Wellesley High School Sailing Team, which is unable to use Lake Cochituate this year for its practices and meets. They have requested to sail at Morses Pond Monday through Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 this spring. *After discussion, a motion was made and seconded, and the board voted 5-0 in favor of the Wellesley High School Sailing Team to hold their spring season on Morses Pond, contingent on no negative feedback from the community, and if negative comments arise, more discussion amongst the board will take place.*

Approve Minutes:

The minutes for the meeting on 1/21/2021 will be voted on at the next meeting.

Schedule Future Meetings: N/A

Urgent Items Not Anticipated Prior to 48-hours of Posting: N/A

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Leah Wallner, NRC Clerk*