



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

February 27th, 2020, 7:15 PM
Juliani Room, Wellesley Town Hall

Approved 3-30-2020

Attending: Katie Griffith, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Regina LaRocque.

Guests: Katie Stock, Town Counsel; Jon Bonsall, Enbridge; Martin Aquadro, Emerson Rd; Jordan Hirsch, Thackery Rd; Pauline Hirsch, Thackery Rd; Marybeth Martello, Fred Bungler; Sustainable Energy Committee; Laurance Stuntz; Recreation Commission; Wayne Everett, Rice Street.

Public Speak

No one spoke on a non-agenda item.

New and Continuing Business/Liaison Reports

▪ **Enbridge Permit Request**

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve a gift to the NRC of \$290,000 to maintain and preserve the Town Forest.

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the License agreement between the Town and Enbridge/Algonquin to install a pipeline inspection device on Town forest land.

▪ **Public Hearing: Naming of the Diane P. Warren Field. Mr. Bonsall spoke in favor of the naming proposal. The board affirmed their approval of the naming.**

▪ **Tree Hearing**

Great Plain Ave Eastern Traffic Island	8" Paperbark Maple (x3)
Great Plain Ave Western Roundabout Edge	8" Honeylocust
Great Plain Ave Western Roundabout Edge	12" Honeylocust
Wellesley Ave Western Traffic Island at Fuller Brook	5" White Spruce
Wellesley Ave Western Traffic Island at Fuller Brook	6" Japanese Tree Lilac (x3)
Wellesley Ave Eastern Traffic Island	10" Cherry (x2)
Wellesley Ave Eastern Traffic Island	16" Littleleaf Linden
Brook St at Fuller Brook	6" Beech
Brook St at Fuller Brook	12" Green Ash
Brook St at Fuller Brook	16" Black Locust
Grove and Dover Traffic Island	12" Red maple

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the removal of the 16 trees listed above.

▪ **Hardy Tree Letter**

The board reviewed and approved a draft letter regarding the trees at the Hardy School. Mr. Schmitt will send the letter to the facilities Management Department, School and School Building Committees and Board of Selectmen.

- **Climate Emergency**

The board discussed the opt-out Voluntary Renewable Energy Program (VREP) citizen petition to support emissions reduction, and after a motion was made, the board voted unanimously to support the premise of the citizen petition at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

After discussion, the board voted unanimously to support the Sustainable Building Guidelines proposed by the Sustainable Energy Committee.

- **Liaison Reports**

The board discussed a citizen proposal to purchase and install mobile bathrooms at the Hunnewell Track and Field. Concerns about long term maintenance, project funding, Town and State permitting and how the facilities would be incorporated into the team room were raised.

8:00 pm **Director's Report**

- **Field Lighting Update**

-WHS students' proposal: The board acknowledged receipt of the WHS student proposal to add lights to the Wellesley Track and Field, and hope to invite the students to a future meeting.

-Community Preservation Committee: Mr. Schmitt reported that the CPC had voted in favor of the NRC request to fund a lighting consultant to review and make recommendations for the replacement of lights at Reidy field, Hunnewell 2/Multipurpose Field, and the Tennis courts, as well as the potential addition of lights at the Track and Field.

- **Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:**

The Board discussed the re-appropriation of money from a tree-cutting fine to the softball project. After discussion the Board voted unanimously to withdraw the Article from Town Meeting and return the funds to the Town's general fund.

Current Town Projects

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Engineering division had submitted the Notice of Intent to the Wetlands Protection Committee for the Duck Pond Bridge project.

- **NRC contract/Project/Gifts/Staffing Updates**

After a motion was made and seconded, the board approved a gift of two picnic tables to be installed at the Hunnewell tennis courts.

- **Tree Protection and Planting**

Mr. Schmitt reported that tree site visits are scheduled for March 5th, 6th, 17th and 19th. The board discussed expanding efforts to plant additional trees, including placing an article in the Townsman.

- **Permits**

N/A

Approve Minutes/Schedule future meetings

After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the January 16 and February 6, 2020 minutes, as amended.

Urgent items not anticipated prior to 48 hours of meeting or Previous items in Progress

Ms. LaRocque offered to continue her work on Gas Leaks in Wellesley and requested to be assigned to a task force at a future meeting.

Thank you to NRC Commissioners Dr. Regina LaRocque and Nancy Braun:

Members of the Board expressed their gratitude for Dr LaRocque's and Ms. Braun's service on the Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM