



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7:00 PM

**Present:** Katie Griffith, Chair; Raina McManus, Vice Chair; Laura Robert; Nancy Braun; Brandon Schmitt, Director

**New and Continuing Business/Liaison Reports**

**Utility Connection at 312 Washington ST/Fuller Brook Park:** The board discussed a proposed connection to Town Sewer through Fuller Brook Park, which would require an estimated 10 feet of trenching and 100 square feet of total disturbance. The board requested additional information on the project.

**Town Meeting Business:** The board discussed Town Meeting, which will be postponed again. Additional Town meeting business is discussed later in the meeting.

**Nature Challenge:** Ms. Griffith announced the City Nature Challenge, which is scheduled for April 24-27.

**Playing Fields Task Force Update:** Ms. Griffith provided an update on current field projects including Lee Field.

**Director's Report**

**Project Updates:** Mr. Schmitt updated the board on the Enbridge gas Transmission line work within the Town Forest. Enbridge has been submitting daily checklists outlining their compliance with public safety guidelines for COVID-19.

**FY21 Budget Request:** The board reviewed new guidelines provided by the Board of Selectmen and Finance of a 25% reduction in Capital budgets town-wide. *After reviewing options, and after a motion was made and seconded, the board unanimously approved a new capital budget request of \$78, 750.*

**Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grants:** Mr. Schmitt discussed ongoing work on a proposed Climate Action and Resilience Plan.

**Charles River Climate Compact:** Mr. Schmitt discussed a proposed action grant with the Charles River Watershed Association. The Town engineer has reviewed the proposal and thinks the proposal will have some marginal benefit to the Community.

**Schedule Minutes/Approve Minutes**

*After a motion was made and seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the March 30, 2020 and April 9, 2020 Minutes as amended.*

**Items not anticipated within 48 hours of posting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Schmitt, Director