

Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, July 25, 2022
Held at the Town Hall, 3 North Main Street

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Present: Keven Desmarais, Charlie Sullivan, and Margaret French.

Absent: Chris Mather and Keith Mello.

Call to Order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Note: As this meeting was conducted remotely, all votes taken were by roll call.

Notice of Intent – Long Pond

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to waive the reading of the public hearing notice. The motion carries unanimously.

Martha Worley John Worley, of the Long Pond Association, and Nancy Yates, of the Lakeville Conservation Commission, were present. Mr. Desmarais stated that there is time of year restrictions placed by Natural Heritage for when the work can be done. Mr. Desmarais asked if they received a grant for this project. Ms. Worley stated yes, they have received a grant for this. They plan on using an eco-harvester for the invasive weed removal. The eco-harvester pulls out the weeds, it does not cut them. There is a protected species of turtle in that area, the Northern Red-bellied Cooter, which is why there are time of year restrictions in place for when the work can take place. Mr. Worley stated that the eco-harvester is like a paddle boat that uses linseed oil for hydraulics and would not pollute the water if there was a spill. The eco-harvester also acts as a skimmer and cleans the surface of the water. Mr. Worley stated they have contacted Chuck Macomber, of the Highway Department to notify him about the work taking place. Mr. Desmarais suggested contacting the Board of Selectmen's office as well so they can be aware of what is going on. Brandon Cardoza, 8 Cleveland Drive, asked if he had to remove his dock from the water prior to the start of work. Ms. Worley replied no the dock will not affect where the work is taking place.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to close the public hearing. The motion carries unanimously.

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to approve the plans as submitted with the condition that if they received an unfavorable result from Natural Heritage, that it be brought to the Commission for review. The motion carries unanimously.

Commission Signature Authorization

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to authorize Chairman Keven Desmarais to sign for them on approved Conservation Commission documents. The motion carries unanimously.

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The Commission decided to take up the minutes at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Charlie Sullivan, seconded by Margaret French, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: _____
Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk

