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## MERRIMACK CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER -**

A Meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order on Monday April 10, 2023 at 6:32 pm in the Matthew Thornton Room.

Steve Perkins, Chair, presided:

Members of the Commission Present:

Michael Boisvert, Vice-Chair  
Ellen Kolb  
Michael Drouin, Alternate Member  
Andy Hunter, Town Council  
Eric Starr  
Gage Perry

Members of the Commission Absent:

Cindy Glenn  
Gina Rosati, Alternate Member  
David Trippett, Alternate Member

Also Participating:

Chair Perkins designated **Commissioner Drouin** to sit in as a voting member for **Commissioner Glenn**.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

#### **NEW BUSINESS** –

- Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) invasive species training event and workshop at Sklar – April 23, 10am to noon – *Submitted by Steve Perkins*

Chair Perkins noted that he believes the event is on the calendar, but he wanted to make sure it was on the record. The Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) is going to do an invasive species workshop and training event to be held at the Sklar property on April 23, 2023. Commissioner Kolb to check if the

event was posted on the calendar. Chair Perkins noted that if more than 4 people showed up to the meeting they would need to make sure a notice was posted.

- Preparations for Annual Meeting – *Submitted by Steve Perkins*

Chair Perkins said the next regular Commission meeting is April 24, 2023. If there is another small agenda, they may forgo the meeting. This would push their next meeting to May 8, 2023 which is their annual meeting. Chair Perkins stated that two things the Commission is supposed to do at their annual meeting is to select officers and review their rules of procedure. Since the Commission does so much work, it may be helpful to have each Commissioner bring a list of two to three goals or priorities for the following year to share at the meeting. It would be a good idea to review the rules of procedure ahead of time so that any suggestions and/or changes can be discussed at the annual meeting.

Commissioner Kolb asked if the group would know in advance of any members who would like to either continue serving in their current positions or put their name forward for a different role. Chair Perkins said he felt it was probably time to pass the torch for some of the officer positions and asked if anyone had an interest in a specific position. No one expressed any at this time. Vice-Chair Boisvert stated that at the annual meeting he would not be seeking to renew his membership on the Conservation Commission, but would seek to be appointed to the Grater Woods Subcommittee. Discussion to be continued at the annual meeting.

Councilor Hunter questioned if it would be helpful to have the Subcommittee chairs support the meeting and bring any of their goals to the annual meeting. Commissioner Perry said they are typically invited. Chair Perkins took note of the idea. Discussion briefly touched on a question Chair Perkins received from a subcommittee regarding whether a minor was allowed to join subcommittees. He said that he had confirmed this would be ok with Community Development and responded to the inquiry.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS** –

- Updates in the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual seedling giveaway – *Submitted by Gage Perry*

Commissioner Perry stated that all items were ordered. He checked and there should be enough supplies for this year such as bags and tags. There will be a smaller amount of seedling, but there will be a good variety. Chair Perkins asked if Commissioner Perry would be picking the orders up.

Commissioner Perry responded that there were two orders, one through Arbor Day and the other through Hillsborough County which he would pick up. The event will take place from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Currier Orchards in Merrimack on Saturday May 13, 2023. Commissioner Perry stated he will create an updated

flyer and distribute it to Community Development so it can be posted. Questions regarding tree tags and whether it was better to have the event indoors or outdoors were also covered.

Commissioner Perry noted that historically when the event was held indoors, it was a social gathering and was easier to get to know people rather than a grab and go situation as it seems to be when it is held outdoors. The event is a good opportunity for community outreach. He can discuss it with the owner of Currier Orchards to see what their preference is.

He asked if the rest of the group had a preference. Vice-Chair Boisvert agreed it is more social when held indoors. He suggested having some kind of hybrid event where individuals could go inside or have the seedlings delivered to them outside. The Orchard also sells products inside so it is a bonus for them as well to have visitors come inside. Commissioner Perry to follow up with the owner of the Orchard.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

**Motion by Commissioner Kolb to approve the March 13, 2023 Conservation Commission minutes without amendment.**

**Motion Seconded by Vice-Chair Boisvert**

**Motion Carried**

**6-0-1**

**Abstained: Councilor Hunter**

#### **ADJOURNMENT –**

**Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Perry**

**Motion Seconded by Councilor Hunter**

**Motion Carried**

**7-0-0**

The April 10, 2023 meeting of the Conservation Commission was adjourned at 7:52pm.