



TOWN OF WARE

Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes from
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Commission members present: Dennis Cote, David P. Kopacz, Sr., Kristin Rosenbeck
Conservation Staff present: Anna S. Marques
Commission members absent: Mark Swett (Chairman)
Public: As taken from observations and sign-in sheet: Kathleen Cronin, Linda Skalbite, Amber Wilder, Gabrielle Kurth, Larry Donn, Martha Klassanos

Dave Kopacz called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

1. Applications

a. *RDA 2017-01 SCA Trail Bridge Replacement Project*

Ellie Kurth presented on the behalf of DCR. She is an Environmental Analyst, and every year – works with students/volunteers from Conservation. A goal of the DCR is to teach students. She presented printouts describing the benefits to having walking trails.¹

The concern is over the current bridge becoming unsafe – people/hikers are starting to choose to walk through tributary. The stages of the project would include the following work: set up erosion controls, cut temporary access route (site plan showed trail leading to Power Plant) so hikers will not park there.

The bridge would consist of gravel, wood and concrete for footings. Footings off banks, dug slightly into the soil. Straw will be placed at end to close off temporary trail, the intended trail will be cut to make it more accessible and visible. Evasive species will be controlled as referred to in the pictures.

Overall goal is that the replacement of the crossing with a safe and stable HC accessible bridge will be good for the tributary.

David Kopacz commented that the proposed location is better than the existing. Jurisdictionally, the project does not touch the bank – the disturbance is outside of it. Also not opposed to cutting some white pines for improvement of site view to bridge as the old bridge will be taken down after the new one is complete.

¹ RDA to Ware CC printout of uses, goals, description and benefits dated May 10, 2017

E. Kurth also added that the volunteers are available for a 2-week period. The timing of the project to take place the last week of July into the first week of August. Some cutting will be done ahead of time by DCR. D. Kopacz said it was a good idea to get the college students involved and working out in the field. He asked if the area will be mulched and E. Kurth replied that it would be.

D. Kopacz asked for some seed mix to be thrown on the bare soil along with the mulch. E. Kurth agreed also adding that straw bales and silt fence socks will be used for erosion control.

Motion by Dennis Cote for a Negative Determination #3 with the condition that seed mix be thrown down on the bare soil along with the mulch. Kristen Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 3/0/0.

2. Old Business

- a. *Approve and sign meeting minutes from April 12, 2017.*

Motion by D. Cote to accept the meeting minutes. K. Rosenbeck seconded. So voted 3/0/0.

- b. *Beaver Lake Club Corp.*

Kathleen Cronin and Larry Donn were present to discuss the bank markers for the beach project at Beaver Lake. They asked if the markers were to be across the whole beach which D. Kopacz replied NO, he remembers that discussion and the markers were to be on the corners, not the beach – about 3 feet from the water. Though Beaver Lake Club Corp. had a copy of a smaller portion of the plan for their use – they did request a copy of the full size plan dated February 12, 2007. It was stated that the seasonal high water line and the wetlands line should be taken into consideration for the markers. The markers to be lolly columns cut in half or granite. The markers need to be seen but can't be too high to wreck boats.

D. Kopacz inquired about the submittal of annual reports. K. Cronin replied that the timing of the requirement is a challenge because in January – they don't know what they will be doing yet, and even in May – it is still questionable. It was requested that the required date of the submittals be changed. The BVCC meets the first Wednesday of every month.

- c. *177 Osborne Rd.*

Linda Skalbite and Amber Wilder were present to discuss the progress on their plantings. The following list was provided:

- (1) 2-3' Ilex Verticillata, Winterberry
- (1) 18-24" Myrica Pensylvanica, Bayberry
- (1) 18-24" Lindera Benzoin, Spicebush
- (1) 18-24" Cornus Racemosa, Gray Dogwood

D. Kopacz stated he was very happy with cooperation. D. Cote recommended to have the owners call ahead when planning additional planting to avoid alarmed neighbors calling in.

3. Adjournment

Motion by K. Rosenbeck to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Seconded by D. Cote. So voted 3/0/0.

Respectfully submitted by Anna S. Marques

Approved on 6/14/17
Date

Members: Mark Swett
David P. Kopacz, Sr.
Dennis Cote
Kristin Rosenbeck

