

Marlboro Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes - Draft
March 1, 2023

In attendance: Eva Grimaldi, Hunter Jack, Lindy Corman, Emily Falta, Hannah Brookman, Mike Purcell, Lucia (remotely)

Called to order by Chair at 6:15 pm

Minutes from 2/1/23 not approved – will be typed up and presented along with minutes from 3/1/23 at our April meeting

No unscheduled public comment

1) Scheduled Business:

- Mary Sargent to discuss a zoning issue that is potentially in the wildlife overlay
 - Background to concern: NOAA tower on Andrea McAuslan's property on Cowpath 40, currently leased to American Tower. When VT Yankee was active, the tower was where all the alerts came from. The original tower was given a waiver to be built in a residential zone because it was for the public good – December 1984. The lease was most recently renewed in March 2015 and will be up in March of 2025
 - NOAA is no longer there because VT Yankee has shut down in 2014
 - This fall truckloads of sure pack gravel were being brought up there to improve a 900 ft road to tower and building– concern about stormwater runoff
 - Improvement to the property without getting a permit
 - Need a conditional permit – nothing is supposed to happen without an environmental consultant's report once it's more than 500 feet back from the road

Request from Mary to assist her in researching this:

- Call the state Department of Environmental Conservation– does 900 feet of impervious surface require a state permit? More than an acre requires a permit. More than an acre of impervious surface gets the state involved.
 - If the state gets involved, they become the active party
 - **Eva** will call the DEC and get back to Mary
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- Any updates on important email communication?
 - Phillip Johansson reached out about checking boats for millweed – seeking funding to hire someone, maybe someone from the state could train volunteers?
 - **Emily** will resend draft email to DRB and Planning Commission **for review by conservation commission**
 - **Emily** will reach out back to Trey about meet and greet at Community Center in April
 - **Reminder: Wednesday March, 8 at 7 pm** - first info session with Joann over Zoom, free training on ash borer

2) New Business:

- Discuss the possibility of volunteering with BEEC for the annual salamander/amphibian crossing this spring
 - Encourage everyone to do the training on BEEC's website this month and help salamanders cross South Road – Set up alerts for when it's happening
 - **Lucia** will promote on FPF and CC Facebook page

- April meeting rescheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, April 12. **Lindy** will invite Francie Marbury from Hogback Association
 - **Emily** will email Nick (town admin) and let him know about the date change and request a zoom link for each meeting
 - **Eva** will learn how to use Owl/technology so people can more easily participate via zoom

- Emily announced that she will step back from the commission after six months; her last meeting as secretary will be in May

Adjourn 7:05 pm