

**TOWN OF EPSOM**  
***Conservation Commission Meeting***  
**Epsom Town Offices Meeting Room**  
**March 17, 2022, 6:00PM**

**Present**

Alison Parodi-Bieling, Chair – via Zoom  
Chad Decker, Vice Chair  
Robyn Blaise, Commissioner  
Kate Champney, Commissioner  
Cheryl Gilpatrick, Selectmen Representative  
Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary  
Meadow Wysocki, resident

**Call to Order & Agenda**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

The Members reviewed the agenda.

**Ms. Champney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Blaise seconded the motion. Ms. Blaise seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting of January 20, 2022- **Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

**Deer Meadow Pond Decision**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling gave an update on the request for funds to mitigate milfoil on Deer Meadow Pond. Ms. Gilpatrick stated Meagan pulled a list of all bodies of water in Town and they were to look into how many properties are on the water bodies to get an idea of how many properties in Epsom could be affected by the same issue. =She noted the Deer Meadow plan appears to be a long-term (six year) project to deal with the milfoil. The funds would need to be in the Conservation Commission budget each year. There is also the option of a warrant article for funding; Ms. Gilpatrick stated it's a large amount of money that would be coming out of capital reserve funds which aren't being replenished. Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated the request was generated by a single property owner and there wasn't much research done in regard to the number of property owners around the pond, what towns the properties are in, etc.

**Ms. Champney made a motion to not fund the milfoil project on Deer Meadow Pond. Mr. Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0-0.**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated there are grant funding options, but it is an ongoing maintenance process; she stated there would need to be a process for funding if it was something the Town is going to take on.

**Reappointments Due at the End of March**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated Mr. Decker, Ms. Blaise and herself are due for re-appointments to the Commission; commissioners need to go into the Town Offices to sign the renewals.

#### **Town Forest Update, Trail Work**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated they are going to start work on laying out the trail, depending on weather conditions. They will be looking for volunteers when the time comes.

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated there was a recent incident of improper parking recently at the Town Forest; new signs were added by neighbors.

#### **Monitoring Reports for Smith, Jackson and Town Forest Parcels**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated monitoring reports are due for the Smith, Jackson and Town Forest Parcels. She explained the reports need to be submitted to the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (L-CHIP), which is where the funds came from for purchasing the Town Forest. Ms. Parodi-Bieling explained the process for visiting the parcels and updating on any development which has occurred as well as verify boundaries. Ms. Parodi-Bieling explained they are verifying the uses are in compliance with the conservation easement.

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated she could do the Town Forest; Ms. Champney will accompany her. Ms. Champney stated she is familiar with the Jackson property so will do that one. Mr. Decker stated he will do the Smith parcel. Ms. Blaise stated she would like to go to all the properties to become familiar with the parcels. Mr. Decker asked if there is designated parking spots but there are not. Ms. Gilpatrick noted if more than three Commissioners are doing the same parcel, they will need to post the date as a public meeting, but she will follow up on that.

The dates of April 23 and April 30, 2022 were set for doing the monitoring reports.

#### **Epsom Roadside Clean-up**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated the Road Agent has indicated he is willing to work with them again and will pick up the bags. Ms. Gilpatrick stated she will order the blue bags and gloves again as the BCEP prefers those to be used; bags will be available for people to pick up at the Highway Department, Town Offices and the Library. The dates for the roadside cleanup are set for April 19 through 16, 2022. Ms. Gilpatrick stated they need to be sure the Town delivers the garbage as they have issues with people bringing other items, which were not roadside trash. Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated they will put up signs at the Town Offices, Post Office and Library. Ms. Champney will request the notice be put in the school's newsletter.

#### **New Business**

Ms. Parodi-Bieling stated the current plans were received for the Common Man project; they are working with Bear Paw Regional Greenways on the wetlands mitigation. Ms. Gilpatrick stated the demolition permits have been issued, one pump has been removed and the project is moving forward.

Ms. Gilpatrick stated the Board of Selectmen met today with the project management and engineer in regard to the new Town Offices at the Old Town Hall. She stated they are going to

93 try to keep it as historic as possible and hope to be moved in by the end of the year with work  
94 beginning in May.

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96 **Next Meeting**

97 April 21, 2022, 6:00PM.

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99 The meeting was adjourned at 7:09PM.

100 Respectfully Submitted,

101 *Jennifer Riel*

102 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

APPROVED