

TOWN OF BEDFORD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES
February 9, 2021

A meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via the Zoom meeting platform.

Present: Maggie Wachs, (Chair), Bill Carter (Vice Chair & Town Council), Stephen Clough (PB Rep), Stephanie Jones, Bob McPherson, Patricia Grogan, Karin Elmer (Planner I), Rebecca Hebert (Planning Director).

Absent: Beth Evarts (alternate), Denise Ricciardi (Town Council Alternate), Greg Schain, (Alternate), Dave Chiappetta, (Alternate)

7:00 PM Call to Order

Chairman Wachs called the Bedford Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

January 26, 2021 Conservation Commission Minutes

Motion by Mr. Carter to approve the September 22, 2020 non-public minutes. Seconded by Ms. Jones. All in favor. Ms. Grogan abstained.

The Bedford Conservation Commission held an informal workshop to discuss general conservation planning.

Mr. Carter informed the Commission about upcoming discussions at the Town Council level involving a proposal by some abutters to put a large portion of the transfer station lot on Chubbuck Rd. under a protective conservation easement. This will be a long process and it there will eventually be discussion with the Commission in the near future.

Mr. Clough led a discussion about US Fish & Wildlife Mapper. Mr. Clough demonstrated how the mapping tool works and all the different types of information that could be obtained from the website.

Mr. MacPherson asked Mr. Clough if he knew anything about the environmental health Riddle Brook or any properties in town. Mr. Clough said overall the town is in good shape environmentally. The biggest problem lies with homeowners applying too much fertilizer on their lawns and driveway sealants.

Mr. Carter updated the Commission the new initiative called *Clean Up Bedford* or *CUB* for short. April 17, 2021 is that date that has been set for the town wide cleanup. There has been a huge outpouring of interest and he will keep the Commission posted as new information is made available.

Ms. Jones stated she is very interested in volunteering for some kind of environmental outreach with the schools if anyone else is interested.

The Commission also discussed more ideas for possible public outreach opportunities.

Motion by Mr. MacPherson to adjourn at 8:57pm. Seconded by Mr. Carter. All in favor

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by Karin Elmer, Planner 1