

MINUTES

Town of Washington Conservation Commission

THURSDAY – Aug 27, 2020

6:30 PM - PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING

Members Present:

Eyal Shapira
Trish Drugman
Michelle Lampro
Lisa Peltier

Members Absent:

Shaun Lennon

Others Present:

Kris Massini - DCR

6:37 pm - Michelle called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing

Items discussed:

DCR RDA for removing all fallen and dead Norway Spruce from day use recreation area in the October Mtn State Forest - located off West Branch Rd.

DCR RDA for replacing compromised sections of boardwalk along Washington Marsh Interpretive Trail

Trish had a few questions about the existing condition of the road and whether or not there was any allowance for gravel to repair - Kris replied that although they have been able to do such repairs in the past, there was no allowance for these projects.

Trish questioned the schedule - Kris replied that the bids should go out within a few weeks and that hopefully work will commence in late fall if not sooner.

Trish questioned safety issues - Kris replied that there will be signs in place and the gate will be locked and that it is hoped that people will take heed. As for the walking trails, the work will be done by the SCA crew with hand tools and that walkers may just have to step around.

Lisa had a question about spreading the brush - Kris explained that any spreading will be done within the forest away from the area of concern.

Trish asked that Kris keep our DPW head, Tom Johnson, abreast of work schedule so that the Town can alert the public through our newsletter.

Lisa made a motion to accept both RDAs with a negative finding

Trish seconded the motion

All voted in favor

6:46 pm - Michelle closed the public hearing

6:47 pm – Michelle made a motion to adjourn, Trish seconded – all in favor.

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