

MINUTES

Town of Washington Conservation Commission

THURSDAY – September 12, 2019

6:00 PM - TOWN HALL

Members Present:

Trish Drugmand
Lisa Peltier
Michelle Lampro

Members Absent:

Eyal Shapira
Shaun Lennon

Others Present:

Kristopher Massini - for MA DCR - Bureau of Forestry
John Love

6:05 - Michelle called the meeting to order

Items discussed:

John Love - RE: 482 S Washington State Rd.:

John presented a map of his property and described a project that he would like to pursue. He was looking for guidance and consult on how to proceed. The commission advised him to submit an RDA with his plan.

Crocker COC: - Michelle made a site visit to the property and confirmed the location of the stakes - the Commission voted in favor of issuing the Certificate of Compliance.

6:20 - Michelle closed the meeting and opened the public hearing

Kristopher Massini - Notice of Intent work project in October Mtn State Forest:

The project consists of removing a 14 acre (aprox.) dead and dying Norway Spruce plantation - of which a 2.3 acre area is located in wetlands along Washington Mtn Rd. The non-native species is suffering from a soil born fungus. Native trees and shrubs will be retained. The Commission's concerns included the possible issues around equipment parking and access, the leaving of debris, and what the area would look like after completion. Kris will be setting up a meeting with Commissioners and Tom Johnson for Washington's DPW to discuss possible strategies for equipment parking. He also explained that, although many trees will be taken, there are native trees and saplings that will remain on site so it won't look like total devastation. He is confident

that regeneration will be rapid. Kris also explained that leaving some limbs and debris will ultimately enrich the soils.

Lisa made a motion to approve the NOI as presented with the condition that the non-native Norway Maples also be removed to the extent possible. These trees spread by seed and were most likely introduced to the area from a neighboring property.

All voted in favor.

Lisa made a motion to close the public hearing - all voted in favor.

6:45 - Michelle closed the public hearing.

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