

**Conservation Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022
6:00 PM
Meeting VIA Zoom**

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Members: Kimberly Roth, Rebecca Longvall, Ryan Ordnung

Absent: David Cowell, Donald Brown

Kimberly Roth opened the meeting at 6:03 PM

6:00 Rauscher Farm Management Subcommittee

Gloria provided updates on the FY 2022 expenditures for Rauscher Farm, The Pollinator System, Loosestrife Containment update, Path to Clamshell Pond, ADA walkway and Viewing Platform, and Upcoming Events.

General Note: This report focuses on updated FY 2022 expenditures for Rauscher Farm.

1. RF FY 2022 Expenditures

As discussed at previous Commission meetings: The Commission has approved an expenditure of not-to-exceed \$5,000 for Rauscher Farm in FY 22. The Commission has also approved that as more information became available the pollinator meadow project phase 1 might to receive reallocated funding should it become available. Although still awaiting the final cost of the Loosestrife beetles, below are revised RF FY22 expenditures, showing the increase expenditure on the pollinator meadow phase 1. You'll also note that the ADA picnic table is no longer proposed. After speaking with the Town Accountant, the cost of the ADA table and expenses incurred around the public hearing for the ADA Path to Clamshell Pond may be credited to money dedicated to the project and voted on at Town Meeting, June 2021.

The materials for the pollinator meadow project will come from Lowes via the Facilities Department Lowes account; the loam will come from a vendor the DPW has an account with.

Updated RF Expenditures:

--Awaiting confirmation of the order of 15 cartons and shipping of <i>Galerucella californiensis</i> beetles from Integrated Weed Control (not to exceed)	\$2,500.00
--Rauscher Farm Electricity (\$105 already paid/ est. Outstanding)	\$80.00
--RF Pollinator Meadow expenses (loam, equipment: protective wildlife fencing, rain barrels, watering equipment, etc.):	Not to exceed \$2,315.00
FY 2022 TOTAL ==	<u>\$5,000.00</u>

2. Rauscher Farm Pollinator Meadow

Site prep has proven considerably more challenging than anticipated and what it has revealed will require an adjustment in plant layout design. This design adjustment will not change the selection of plants already agreed to by the Commission. The DPW has been very helpful stepping in with the final phase of sod removal and an offer to collect and deliver to the site the loam essential to the project. A team of volunteers—RFMSC and CGCT members, and as many others coming from the community via personal networking and Facebook—have worked for almost 4 weeks to get the site to where it is now, namely level, awaiting a loam delivery. Realistically, we can't begin planting on May 28. We will assess the possibility of a partial planting in June, depending on a number of factors, such as the availability of plants. For this year, it's important to get the site up to par. The funding for the plant purchases have already been obtained by donations and pledges of donations.

3. Loosestrife Containment Update

I have reached out to Integrated Weed Control and hope to talk with one of the proprietors later this week.

4. Path to Clamshell Pond, ADA walkway and Viewing platform.

Still awaiting confirmation that the Town has signed the NOI as the property owner.

5. Programs 2022

Story Walk: *Mama Opossum's Misadventures*, written by Gina Gallois and illustrated by Aleksandra Bobrek, is a delightful story of a mamma opossum whose 10 joeys accidentally fall off her back and she—and the reader—must go find them. Each joey lands with a family of different wildlife. The book illustrates the wildlife close by, such as on Rauscher Farm, and provides fun facts about opossums.

May 21, Nashua River Communities Resilient Lands Management woodlands event for Spanish speakers; May 28, Rauscher Farm's Pollinator Meadow, with Professor Robert Gegear; week of May 30, beetle planting on Loosestrife (selected volunteers); June/July, installation of annual Story Walk; June/July/ August (TBD): Wonder of Wetlands: learn about the ecology of wetlands with David Cowell; August/September: introduction of a tree program (an in-your-own-time program); October: Fall Volunteer Day, date and time TBD.

Rebecca Longvall said everything sounds great and moving in the right direction. She wants to hear final numbers on the budget and the Commission will circle back.

Kimberly Roth agreed. There are no additional questions at this time. She told Gloria to send the final numbers over when she has them.

6:15 James Tomolo/ANRAD
183 Stone Street

(Rebecca Longvall recused herself from hearing)

Kimberly Roth was checking in to see if a file number was issued and if the address for the property was updated on the assessors map.

Jim Tomolo stated all paperwork regarding both file number and proof of ownership of the property have been submitted. He was going to drop copies of the proof of ownership and new assessors map noting location of property to the permitting office in the morning.

Kimberly noted these must be added to file before closing the hearing.

Kimberly also mentioned that the DEP is missing the storm water report.
Jim said he will send that over ASAP.

Kimberly asked for additional questions from the Commission. No questions from the Commission.

6:30 Dennis Shivo/Follow up
14 Shore Lane

Dennis Shivo received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding unpermitted activity on his property. The Conservation Commission requested he attend the meeting to discuss this matter after a recent site visit from a Commission member.

Dennis Shivo was taken back by the letter when he first received it given there was not initial investigation done.

Kimberly Roth stated they were provided photos showing a dock along the shore and cleared vegetation. The letter was to inform Mr. Shivo that if he was doing this work, then he should cease and desist as permitting may be required. She mentioned she would like to do a more extensive site visit of the area to get clarity on the complaints to supplement the site visit another member of the Commission had done.

Dennis Shivo said he is fine with a site visit but doesn't understand why. He said he is not doing any work on his property and has nothing to do with the docks. Dennis said if they want to do who the docks belong to the Commission can get a list of neighbors from the Town Assessors office.

Dennis stated he was surprised when he attended the Select Board meeting and they continued his hearing until after sorting this matter with the Conservation Commission. He was unaware of any issues with the Conservation Commission.

Kimberly Roth stated he can continue any work being done on his property as long as he doesn't not disturb the wetlands and remains outside the 100 ft from Bank of the pond which would be within Conservation's jurisdiction.

Dennis Shivo said he would like to know who filed the complaint with the Conservation Commission.

Kimberly Roth said he would need to file a public records request through town clerk.

Dennis Shivo mentioned his application with the Select Board for work he is planning to have done. He said he delivered copies to each department in the Town Hall. He stated the Conservations should have received a copy of his application. He said he supports all the work the Conservation is doing and will follow all regulations put forth.

The Commission will schedule a site visit with Mr. Shivo.

6:45 The Woodlands
Rick Roper

Rick Roper and Brian Milisci (developer) were there to represent The Woodlands project.

Brian Milisci shared his screen with recent project plans explaining the buffer zones. He spoke about the expired Order of Conditions and additional filings required to continue project.

Rebecca Longvall said 30 days prior to expiration date the applicant should have requested extension. She said a new Notice of Intent also needs to be filed. As of right now they are working in violation with expired conditions

Brian Milisci asked if out of jurisdiction areas have to stop work as well.

Rebecca Longvall stated that because the project is listed under the Order of Conditions as a whole then she believes the whole project would be affected by the expired conditions.

Kimberly Roth supports her interpretation.

Ryan Ordnung said it seems like the project is all tied together under the expired Order of Conditions.

Rebecca Longvall questioned the Commission on whether they would like to see an as built included in the Order of Conditions or just keep it as is.

The Commission agreed on an as built being provided.

Rebecca Longvall suggested breaking the project up into phases. This would help show clarity and provide a better breakdown of completion.

Brian Milisci said he could color code a site plan and will look into phasing.

Rebecca Longvall stated if the project isn't submitted in phases he could always file a new Order of Conditions as a whole project.

7:00 Informal - Isaac Low
250 Main Street – Coachlace Nursing Home

Isaac Low and Eric Chaves presented their proposal for 250 Main Street (Former Coachlace Nursing Home).

Their plan consists of building three 4-unit buildings totaling 12 new condo units. They would be demolishing the current round structure that exist today. The biggest concern is the removal cost of asbestos and rubber roof.

Isaac Low said the building closest to the water would be 70 FT. He will work with the Commission for a Notice of Intent and wanted to get initial feedback on project especially about asbestos removal

Kimberly Roth asked if the property is in a commercial or residential zone. Depending on this designation, this could trigger storm water reporting.

Rebecca Longvall suggested filing a Notice of Intent. This would outline how they are doing their delineation.

Isaac Low was unable to share his screen to the board but was able to show hard copy. He pointed out the parking, snow storage and dumpster area.

The Commission will review his formal plans once he officially files.

Rebecca Longvall made a motion to approve bills submitted, Ryan Ordnung made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote.

Rebecca Longvall made a motion to close the public hearing, Ryan Ordnung made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Meeting Minutes Taken By: Ryan Rouillard