

East Haddam
Conservation Commission
Forestry and Stewardship Sub-committee

November 21, 2017

Adopted December 5, 2017

1. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Forestry and Stewardship sub-committee of the East Haddam Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 7:37 PM at Todd and Charlotte Gelston's residence on Bogel Road. The Chairperson being in the Chair and the Secretary being Present.

a. Roll Call

Rob Smith, Marilyn Gleeson, Paul Sienna, Todd Gelston, Sue Merrow, Charlotte Gelston

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Gleeson and unanimously approved.

3. New Business

a. Plan of Conservation and Development

The CC would like to see another survey conducted with the same questions to ensure consistency and provide information related to if there is movement within the town regarding people's feelings on open space. There was discussion around how the survey is going to be administered. Mr. Smith is now the Conservation Commission liaison to P&Z given his election to the Board of Selectmen, so he (Mr. Smith) will hear discussion related to the survey. Ms. Gleeson suggested P&Z would be wise to include members of different town committees to be part of a subcommittee related to the survey. Mr. Gelston also asked if the CC will be included in the direction and the conclusion of the survey. Ms. Merrow noted it would be very interesting to see how the population grew since the last release of the PoCD. Ms. Gleeson asked for feedback on how the PoCD is actually used; i.e., there is a checklist noted that, if used, would have cut down severely on the number of curve signs installed recently. Mr. Smith noted that if the policies were followed, they are pretty sound. Mr. Smith will raise to P&Z that the PoCD needs to be used much more than it currently is.

Chapter 3 contains the section the Conservation Commission is concerned about and spent much time discussing. Ms. Gleeson reviewed a number of other towns' PoCD documents and provided feedback and suggestions as to additional items to include. Ms. Goyette will add to the December meeting agenda the topic, "Management plan template review". She will also add "Conservation Commission State Statute related to PoCD". Ms. Goyette will review the files to see if the 1977 survey on scenic views and vistas is in the files.

b. New forestry work

The updated priority plan will be discussed at the next CC meeting.

c. New bills

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No new bills.

- d. Public comment
No public attended.

4. Announcements and other discussion

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- EHCC 2018 PC&D Comments