

**SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2023**

Present: Neva Tolopko, Chair; April Doroski, Vice-Chair; Garth Schwellenbach, Member; Tom Dennis, Member; Kathy Davis, Member; Louise Croll, Associate Member; Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator; and Colleen Canning, Planning/Conservation Coordinator

Chair Tolopko called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

Agenda Item #1 --- Open Public Forum

No members of the public spoke during the open forum.

Agenda Item #3 --- Minutes

Draft minutes of the February 1, 2023 meetings were sent to the Commission for review. Content and spelling errors were identified.

Motion: Commissioner Dennis moved to approve the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes as revised. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Five (5) out of five (5) commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #3 --- Master Plan Goals and Objectives

Susan Perry from the Master Plan Implementation Committee (MPIC) was present at the meeting.

MPIC was seeking to get updates from Town boards and commissions on their recent successes and challenges. Administrator Cornell provided written updates in a matrix and asked Commissioners to identify any other items they would like to add.

Vice-Chair Doroski identified that a challenge was successful outreach and engagement with local Environmental Justice communities.

Agenda Item #4 --- Certificate of Compliance Ledges Golf Course O&M OOC – (#288-0437)

The agenda item was skipped as it did not need to be taken up.

**Agenda Item #5 --- Certificate of Compliance 3 Ethan Circle OOC – (#288-0429)
&
Agenda Item #6 --- Certificate of Compliance 2 Ethan Circle OOC – (#288-0429)**

The Commission took up agenda items #5 and #6 in tandem as they were related.

2 and 3 Ethan Circle were the final two lots in the Ethan Circle Subdivision which had not been issued a partial certificate of compliance (COC) to be released from the Order of Conditions (OOC) which permitted development of the subdivision. After the lots were issued COCs, a final COC would need to be issued for the subdivision after all conditions of the OOC had been satisfied.

Motion: Commissinner Schwellenbach moved to issued partial certificate of compliance to 2 and 3 Ethan Circle to release the lots from Order of Conditions #288-0429 with special conditions in perpetuity. Vice-Chair Doroski seconded the motion. Five (5) out of five (5) members voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #7 --- Newton-Carver-Jones Conservation Area Name Change

The Commission continued their ongoing discussion on renaming the Newton-Carver-Jones Conservation Area. Administrator Conrell provided a list of name recommendations received from commissioners. Following discussion, there was general support for a name that included 'Quinnehtukqut' which represented the origin of the word 'Connecticut'. Administrator Cornell would conduct public outreach to gather input on the new potential name. Discussion of the name change would resume in a few months after the public outreach campaign.

Agenda Item #8 --- Growing Wild South Hadley

The Commission scheduled a subcommittee meeting to discuss Growing Wild South Hadley on Monday, March 6 at 9:30 AM.

Agenda Item #9 --- Administrator's Report

Administrator Cornell detailed the following items:

- *Upcoming Meetings* - The Commission would consider an OOC extension for Orchards Golf Club at their next meeting.

Agenda Item #10 --- Other New Business

Commissioner Davis inquired about the status of the appeal relating to the Commission's decision to not issue Order of Conditions for development of a single family home at 11 San Souci Dr. Administrator Cornell replied that MassDEP was in the process of seeking more information from the appellant. A superseding OOC had yet to be issued.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Five (5) out of five (5) commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Canning, Planning/Conservation Coordinator

Appendix

Document	Document Location
Master Plan Status Update Matrix	Conservation Files
RCOC - 2 & 3 Ethan Circle	Conservation Files