

# Shutesbury Conservation Commission

Minutes – 9/07/2023

Approved – (12/14/23)

*Virtual Meeting*

**Meeting Start:** 5:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Miriam DeFant, Mary David, Robin Harrington

**Commissioners Absent:** Scott Kahan, Beth Willson

**Other Staff:** Becky Torres (Town Administrator)

**Other present:** Penny Jaques, and all other unidentified individuals.

Chair's Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting is being recorded.

## **Review updated proposal for technical consultant for draft Bylaw Regulations review**

Patrick Garner, technical consultant, has sent a proposal for his attendance at the Bylaw Regulations public hearing for SCC to review. Since the draft Bylaw Regulations have gone through several reviews after the last time he reviewed them, he is requesting enough time to review the current version prior to the hearing. DeFant shares the plan would be to cover the expenses using funds from the Bylaw fee account.

**Motion: David moves to approve the proposal received by Garner, Harrington seconds. Vote: David – Aye, DeFant – Aye, and Harrington – Aye. *The motion carries.***

## **Unanticipated Business**

**Top of the Lake Conservation Area Opening** – Jaques has invited to SCC to attend the public opening of the Top of the Lake Conservation Area. Jaques will be creating a poll in order to pick the best date; she hopes at least one member of SCC can attend to represent SCC. Jaques shares that the area has a lot of invasive species such as Glossy Buckthorn and would like to have site visit with SCC to discuss a management plan.

Harrington and Jaques tried to pull it out by hand but to no avail. DeFant asks if Jaques has a proposal for SCC to review. Jaques does not have one at this time. DeFant asks if it were removed mechanically, would it disturb the bank. Jaques believes that these could be cut and leave the roots in to prevent disturb but they will grow back. Harrington: cutting it may provide a good start at management because when the branches grow long enough to touch the ground, then more roots will spread. SCC agrees to plan a site visit at their next meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn: David moves to adjourn, Harrington seconds. Vote: David – Aye, DeFant – Aye, and Harrington – Aye. *The motion carries.***

**Meeting Close:** 5:36 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Documents Used**

- Agenda
- Patrick Garner Proposal

*Respectfully submitted by Carey Marshall, Land Use Clerk, 11/17/23*