

Shutesbury Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021 (Approved 8/26/21)
Virtual Meeting

Conservation Commissioners present: Miriam DeFant (chair), Robin Harrington, Beth Wilson, and Mary David
Conservation Committee Associate Members present.

Conservation Commissioners absent: Don Wakoluk, Janice Stone

Guests: Scott Kahan Regional Chief US Fish and Wildlife Service, Maria Firstenberg (TRC)

Guests Public:

DeFant called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2021: Motion to approve by David and second by DeFant. Roll Call: David: aye;
DeFant: aye; Harrington: aye. Minutes were approved

Planning board will be scheduling a site visit to the Wheeler site at the end of August. Potential dates will be sent to conservation committee members

Site Visit:

16 Cornwell Road for addition to home. Site visit summary reviewed. Approved

34 South Laurel Drive water system RDA scheduled for August 2 after 4PM

Lincoln Allen lives near a property at 212B Wendell Road that is for sale, and wants to know if town is interested in purchasing for preservation. Land grants are available every year to assist. Would need assessment value and interest in donating. Send to Town Administrator. Chair to reach out to owner.

7:15 Public hearing opened for RDA for Highway Department: The paving of the fire department parking lot. Site visit: wetlands to the West of the fire department. Previous RDA conditions read.

Recommendations added

1. Erosion sock to allow wood turtle access during breeding season.
2. Use erosion sock instead of silt fence.

DOA form completed: Motion by DeFant; Second by Harrington. DeFant aye, David Aye, Harrington Aye, Willson Aye

7:30pm Continued Public Hearing for ANRAD at ZD-37 (Montague/Carver

Updates: Maria Firstenberg sending updated proposal.

- Resource map original and new
- Delineation
- Abutters list
- Certified vernal pool updated

Stockman peer-review proposal: Will be completed when Emily Stockman receives all the information from TRC.

Request continuance until September 9th 7:30

Motion to continue Public Hearing: DeFant; Second Harrington. DeFant aye, David aye, Harrington aye, Wilson aye

8:00 pm Continued Public Hearing for ANRAD for Pratt Corner South

New parcels on Town of Amherst Land. Waiting for signatures

Request continuance to Aug 12 at 7:15

Motion DeFant, Second Harrington. DeFant aye, David aye, Harrington aye

Commission vacancies: Scott Kahan potential member introduced. Works at US Fish and Wildlife and is a field biologist. Has checked and has no ethics conflict or overlap with his job. May have some issues with attending all meetings. Motion to recommend Scott for Commission DeFant, second Harrington. DeFant aye, Harrington aye, David aye, Wilson aye. Will forward to Select Board.

Beth Willson would only have a conflict of interest on issues with Amherst watershed and would abstain

Lake Wyola update: Select board updated on LWAC and issues and agreed to add to agenda a meeting with conservation committee, LWA and LWAC chairs to discuss working together.

Wetland Protection Bylaw potential revisions to discuss and maybe add to rules and regulations

- RDA fee decrease
- Change requirement for mailing

Motion to adjourn made by David, second DeFant . DeFant aye, Harrington aye, David aye Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Mary David, Commissioner