

Conservation Commission

Jan. 19 2017

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jason Morrill, Tom Kenefick, Traci Cipriano, Frank DeLeo, Lauren Miller, Julie Perlman, BOS liaison Joe Dey and Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla

Jason Morrill called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. There was no public comment.
2. Jason made a motion to approve the December 15 2016 minutes with a correction (Lauren Miller was in attendance; Julie Perlman was not). Traci Cipriano seconded. Frank DeLeo abstained; all others voted in favor, the motion passed.
3. The commission discussed the proposed budget. Tom Kenefick made a motion to approve the proposed budget with one change: requesting \$2,500 instead of \$4,500 for general professional services. Frank DeLeo seconded. All in favor; motion passed.
4. The commission discussed trail walks.
On Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m. Lauren Miller will lead a walk of the Country Club of Woodbridge. The commission will also host a special meeting.

In March Tom Kenefick will lead a walk through Bishop East.

5. The commission discussed the DEEP Open Space Watershed Acquisition grant.
Tom Kenefick made a motion to apply for the grant to purchase 1875 Litchfield Turnpike. Frank DeLeo seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.
6. The commission discussed 31 Enoch Drive. Joe Dey updated the commission that the Board of Selectmen approved the First Selectman to negotiate the sale of the property.

Jason Morrill made a motion to amend the agenda to include executive session to discuss 31 Enoch Drive. Tom Kenefick seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

7. Tom Kenefick made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the potential sale of Town-owned land, 31 Enoch Drive, and to invite Joe Dey and Betsy Yagla to the discussion. Julie Perlman seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

Executive session began at 7: 55 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m. the commission exited executive session. No motions were made and no votes were taken, Jason Morrill said.

Jason Morrill made a motion that the Conservation Commission recommend sale of 31 Enoch Drive contingent upon the following recommendations:

- That a 50 foot buffer be placed on the easement to prevent blockage of the trail, where applicable
- That funds from the sale be used for other open space functions
- That the trail be protected in perpetuity through the easement

Tom Kenefick seconded the motion. All in favor; the motion passed.

8. Chairman's report: Jason Morrill updated the commission about the Connecticut Land Conservation conference on Saturday March 18.

He also noted that the Orange Conservation Commission has put "no biking" signs at the Racebrook Tract and that the signs will come down in the late spring.

At 8:58 p.m. Frank DeLeo made a motion to adjourn. Julie Perlman seconded. All in favor; meeting adjourned.