

**WOODBRIIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: 15 April 2021**

In attendance: Chair Jason Morrill, Tim Austin, Sharon deKadt, and Kate Rozen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.

Public Comments - there were no public comments submitted.

The group will vote to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2021 meeting in the May meeting.

**1. Update on Amity High School turf field**

The natural grass field has been removed and in ground infrastructure has begun. There was a work stoppage put in place by TPZ to make sure that the written warranty was signed and in place. That document was provided and work has begun anew on Monday, 12 April. The field is on schedule to be ready before the end of summer so that sports can use the field. In the meantime, the Conservation Commission can advocate that monitoring and testing can be **conducted by Amity BOE.**

**2. Update on artificial turf ordinance**

The artificial turf ordinance in town is still moving ahead. No new dates have been selected for votes or approvals. If Jason Morrill finds out about upcoming meeting, he will notify the commission members. It would be worth having Conservation Commission members present to **advocate on behalf of not allowing further turf.**

**3. Discuss town wide campaign on PFAS and water quality**

In last month's meeting, Conservation Commission discussed sending a flyer with the residents' tax bills to encourage well water testing. The state is looking to build a data set on PFAS contamination. Water testing results could be shared with CTDEEP. The State is recommending that all well water owners should be tested for arsenic. The town suggested that we put together a piece for the town newsletter. Jason proposed purchasing an ad in the town newsletter to **highlight the importance of getting well water tested.**

Next steps -The Conservation Commission will put together an ad, share ad in Woodbridge town news, and on social media.

**4. Review draft Use Designations of Open Space**

Jason sent out the most revised version that included a historic use designation. The Conservation Commission had homework to take four properties across town and compare **them against our use designations and protection types.**

When we are looking at use designations, are we looking at labeling as what things could be and what they are. A historic use designation was added in the review process. The Woodbridge **land trust is also adding a 1-4 rating.** The group **amended the historic Site use.** The group discussed the applications of property use designations. The next steps are bringing it to other **town groups/agencies to review and finalize.**

**5. Review revised draft Property Rating system**

This will allow us to rate properties. It is still pretty formulaic. Tim Austin presented. It should be consistent, sustainable, and allow members to expedite decision making. It will help BOS and BOF understand that any recommendation comes from a pragmatic, well sourced.

Tim Austin will clean it up and send it out for Conservation Commission members to review. Next steps will be continuing the conversation at the next meeting. Jason Morrill will resend out to the group.

**6. Chairman's report-**

Leeland Torrence's neighbor's property - At this point there is no new news.

Jason made a motion to adjourn. Tim seconded. The motion passed.