Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Remote Zoom Meeting

July 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Members Present: Matt Puntin, Linda Tvrdy, Reba Scheeter, Mark Caldwell, Laura Lee Bertram -

Josh Briggs not present. + Reba Schecter

Others Present: Sarah Gale from GPMD

1. NOI Extension for Goose Pond Maintenance District (GPMD)

- a. Matt explained that there are two NOI's being proposed for extension. First is for the drawdown. Second is for the herbicide treatment. The NOI's are set to expire in September 2022.
- **b.** Sarah updated the Commission that the herbicide treatments have been highly effective for invasive plant species and GPMD finds it very effective in creating a natural lake habitat.
- c. Linda inquired about the drawdown. Matt and Sarah responded that the drawdown has multiple benefits including starving invasive species, protecting the shore from ice, providing protection to the earthen dam, and helps prevent flooding.
- **d.** Matt made a motion to issue a 3 year extension to both orders. Drawdown is extended until September 28, 2025 and the herbicide is extended until September 14, 2025. Mark seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

2. NOI Extension for Tyringham Volunteer Fire Company (TVFC)

- a. Matt informed the Commission members that the NOI Order of Conditions (OOC) has an expiration date of 10/29/2022, but because of the State of Emergency the expiration date is plus 462 days, making the existing OOC still valid. The NOI is for removing the old firehouse and replacing it with a new firehouse, and installing a new septic system. No questions from the members.
- b. Matt made a motion to extend the OOC until October 24, 2025. Linda seconded. All in favor, no one opposed.

3. Clerk's Report

- a. Laura Lee informed members that MACC dues have been submitted to be paid on the first warrant of fiscal 23. Also, that the State has extended remote meetings until 12/31/23. Matt asked all members what their position was on continuing with remote meetings. Laura Lee said she prefers remote, Matt said he prefers remote, Mark and Linda both said they support both remote or in-person.
- 4. No mail to be reviewed.
- 5. Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm, Mark Second. All in favor.



APPROVED

Laura Lee Bertram on behalf of the Conservation Commission

Date

Approved by:

Date:

Via:

Matt Puntin

Linda Tvrdy

Joshua Briggs

Reba Schecter

Mark Caldwell