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MEETING MINUTES

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Fassell and Commission Members Brian Bishop, Tom Robinson, David Lipinski and Natasha Bordeaux

MEMBER ABSENT: Tammie Shafer

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Dellaghelfa; Pierre Karch; Richard Simpson and Recording Secretary Pam Gerry

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission needs to approve the minutes of June 27 and August 8, 2019.

Chairman Fassell stated to the members that they had tabled the minutes of June 27, 2019 to their next meeting. He continued to state that the Commission members wanted more clarification regarding the ingredients in the Avenger herbicide used on the Ashuwilticook Rail Trail. Chairman Fassell stated to the members that he communicated with Bill Lattrell, the town's ecological consultant for his input on the product. Chairman Fassell reads a letter from Mr. Lattrell regarding their concerns. Member Bishop stated to the members that he had accessed the internet and found information stating that Avenger had "ecotoxicity and very toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects." Member Bishop stated that using this herbicide near water was a potential danger. Member Robinson stated to the members that they approved the use of the Avenger spray but the Commission stated that they "would revisit it" at a future date if necessary. Member Robinson stated that the DPW should get approval by the Commission when they plan to use the Avenger herbicide.

A motion made by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Bishop to accept the minutes of June 27, 2019 with an amendment to read; after reviewing submitted material regarding the herbicide, Avenger, there was concern relating to activity within the aquatic area, therefore future use of the product, Avenger by The Town of Adams would require Conservation Commission approval. Chairman Fassell and Members Bishop and Robinson voted in favor. Member Lipinski abstained from voting.

A motion made by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Bishop to accept the minutes of August 8, 2019. Chairman Fassell and Members Bishop and Robinson voted in favor. Members Lipinski and Bordeaux abstained from voting.

The Commission members will review a complaint submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding property located at 101 Howland Avenue owned by Adams Trucking/Excavating.

Mr. Allan Dellaghelfa, owner of Adams Trucking addressed the members. He began by stating that his property was located on 87 Howland Avenue and would like that noted. Mr. Dellaghelfa told the members that he possessed a permit from DEP to store bricks, concrete and blacktop on his property adding that he recycles and utilizes this material for various jobs.

Mr. Robinson was curious to know what DEP expected the Conservation Commission to do to resolve this issue. Mr. Dellaghelfa stated to them that he believed that the same person is responsible for these continuous complaints which he expressed aggravation in receiving. He asked the Commission members why he was not able to acquire the name of the complainant. Commission members stated that most likely they would not be able to receive that information for him. Mr. Dellaghelfa explained to them that he complies with everything expected of him and has a good relationship with the DEP staff.

Chairman Fassell told the members that this complaint needed to be addressed as a public statement by the Conservation Commission stating that Adams Trucking was in compliance with his permitting process from DEP at this time.

Member Bishop stated that with current permits being held by Mr. Dellaghelfa that this would satisfy the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Fassell stated that the Conservation Commission considers this an "erroneous complaint."

NEW BUSINESS: The Conservation Commission welcomes Natasha Bordeaux as their newest member replacing Corey Bishop who resigned last month.

Member Robinson made a motion, seconded by Member Bishop to nominate Tammie Shafer as Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Commission, passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 423 West Road single family home
Discussion regarding the status of the home by members.

REVIEW MAIL:

ADJOURN: A motion made by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ramela Perry
Recording Secretary

11-18-19
Date