

GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 10, 2023
10:30 am via Zoom and in person at Town Hall

Present:

Conservation Commission: David Warr, Chairman; Wyatt Garfield, Chris Hart, Leo Roy, and Lisa Wright. Other attendees included Selectboard Member Gail Blout.

The meeting of the Town of Gosnold Conservation Commission (GCC) was called to order by Chairman David Warr at 10:38 am, and members and guest welcomed.

0. Introduction

Chairman Warr reviewed the agenda, saying that he expected a short meeting as several items have been addressed or need to be deferred to our next meeting.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2023

Chairman Warr said that he had not yet read the minutes, and requested that approval be tabled until our next meeting.

2. Order of Conditions for Building Renovation on Veckatimist Island

The Order of Conditions was signed by Commission members last Friday and returned to the Naushon Trust by hand.

3. Certificate of Compliance for Water/Stormwater Projects

Chairman Warr said that we should postpone discussion of this item to our next meeting, so that Commission members all had a chance to inspect the marsh between Four Corners and the Marina. He said that he was concerned about the condition of the marsh, and said that he believed that it needed restoration.

4. Review BBC Annual CR Monitoring Report

Chairman Warr said that the GCC had received an Annual Conservation Restriction (CR) Monitoring Report from the Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC) that was not circulated to the GCC. He said that it was dated May 2, 2023, but that he was reviewing it for the first time.

He said that he wished the BBC would invite the GCC to tour the CR properties when inspections were being done. Upon realizing that the report pertained to Church's Beach, Mr. Warr said that he was fine with it. There was no further discussion.

5. Discuss Open Projects

Chairman Warr said that the Water/Stormwater Projects were the most significant open projects, and that we would discuss them next time. He said that there had been a number of projects on Naushon, and that the GCC should go and inspect those projects. Mr. Roy said that he was having hip replacement surgery on August 22, and that we could arrange a tour for the week of August 14, or wait until October. Mr. Roy said that it would be helpful to have a list of the projects that the GCC would like to see. Mr. Warr said that October would be a fine time for an inspection, and that he would develop a list.

6. Public Comment

Selectboard Member Gail Blout said that she had discussed restoration of the marsh area in question with Highway Supervisor Seth Garfield, and that he was planning to remove the black plastic material and rake out the gravel this week, to allow the vegetation to naturally regenerate, as it had done in other disturbed areas. Chairman Warr said that some marsh restorations could take as much as a year to recover, and that some Commissions did not issue Certificates of Compliance (COC) until the area was regrown. He said that he had photographs of the area, but he asked all GCC members to look at it for themselves before our next meeting.

Chairman Warr suggested Monday, August 14 at 10:30am for our next meeting. Mr. Garfield said that he would not be able to attend, but encouraged the Commission to meet at that time if convenient for the other members.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leo P. Roy

Approved August 14, 2023