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May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lyme Conservation Commission, acting as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, held a Virtual Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Armond, Chairman, Sue Hessel, Beverly Crowther, Patrick Crowley, Roger Dill, Ben Kegley, Christine Darnell (alternate present but not seated), Ross Byrne ZEO, and Jennifer Thomas Secretary

Absent Members: Tom Reynolds, Steven Kurlansky (alternate)

SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Allan Dodds Frank and Lilian King, 622 Hamburg Rd., Tax Map 31 lot 3; Discussion of Notice of Violation and their remediation plan.

Present: Christine Darnell recused herself for this item, and will speak as representative for Mr. Frank and Ms. King

Site walks were completed by Armond, Hessel, Dill

Armond asked Darnell to explain the remediation plan, including the site plan and plant species lists provided to the commission.

Darnell explained the timing of the plan. The plugs, shrubs, and reseeding should all take place on Wednesday May 13th. Another round of planting will take place in the fall and again the following spring. The hay and seeding that has already been done appears stable.

Armond stated that hydroseeding would be appropriate in this instance. It is a large area and the seeds will not blow or wash away. At this point it is too late to use the coir mats but hydroseeding might be more successful.

Darnell stated that she could find someone to hydroseed if that is what the commission recommends.

Armond noted that hydroseeding would allow the seed varieties to grow where they naturally grow best and it would provide immediate stabilization of the ground.

Dill stated that he was at the site on the prior Saturday and the original seeding was coming up to the north and south. The middle portion, where there is skunk cabbage, appears to have no seed. He questioned what the plan for this area was and what the plugs consisted of.

Darnell stated that the middle area is very wet. The plan is to add plants to that area that grow well in a wet area. It will also be seeded after the plugs go in.

Hessel questioned whether the site should be monitored and Armond agreed that Byrne as wetlands enforcement officer should inspect and assess the site as time goes on

Crowley asked if any erosion has occurred in the last six weeks or so and Darnell stated that there has not been any erosion.

Kegley asked if the multiflora rose shoots will be clipped as the plugs are being planted and Darnell said that it would be clipped, but this will be an ongoing project to get it under control. The plan will be to mow it in the fall going forward after the plants have been established for a year.

Byrne suggested that the hydroseeding be completed over the entire area before the plugs are installed instead of hydroseeding only partial areas where the plugs are not going.

Darnell agreed that could be done but would involve some shifting of the scheduling that has been made.

Armond stated that the motion should include the planting plan and species list as presented with the addition that the hydroseeding of the area will be done first in advance of the other plantings. Kegley added the hydroseeding should have a tackifier.

Hessel suggested no pesticides or herbicides should be used and should be added as part of the motion. Armond stated that there are invasive control measures using applications of herbicides and suggested limiting the restriction to insecticides only.

Crowley added that the motion should include monitoring by the wetlands enforcement officer. Armond called for a motion.

Crowther made a motion to accept the remediation proposal plan and species list as presented with the timing sequence to include hydroseeding with tackifier of the entire area before the plants and plugs are installed. This should be completed as soon as possible and will be followed up with monitoring by the wetlands enforcement officer periodically during the summer, again in the fall, and again after one year to inspect for success of plantings and reemergence of invasive species. The use of insecticides will be prohibited. Annual mowing of the area is recommended.

Dill seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

Armond called for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2020 regular meeting.

Hessel made the motion, seconded by Crowther, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thomas, Secretary