

WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: May 12, 2021

Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: Rich Turner, CH, Susan Lyons, Horace Duke, David Traczyk, Jasmin Couillard

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda: Motion to approve the Minutes from Feb. 10, 2021 as written made by Susan L., 2nd by Horace D.

New Business:

- Rich T. Gave an up-date on the Emerald Ashe Borer Response Plan. I'm still trying to set up a meeting with Jackie, Mike St. Lawrence and Horace.
- David T. I had a meeting with Clayton Woodworth and he would like to join the Planning Cmsn. (Comments followed that he would be welcome – we can have 7 on this committee.) I also have a question regarding the Ashe Trees - - who is cutting them?
- Rich T. We are working on this – some trees our town could do. This could be on on-going process for the next 7-8 years. A crane service might be needed for some of the bigger trees.
- David T. Are the EAB traps still available?
- Rich T. Yes – the purple traps are and I volunteered to do this in Town. I have one trap. Also, I have an EAB kit and will have a booth at the Memorial Day Event.
- Jasmin C. Can these purple traps be purchased privately? (Believe they could be.)
- Rich T. I attended the CVRPC meeting on zoom. Handing out the minutes from the last 2 months. These meetings are very interesting and if anyone wants they can sign in. The info is shown on the handouts.
- David T. We own one of the few dams in town. We received a mandate from the State to inform the Town of the location and the gallons of water. The State suggests a Mitigation Plan in case of a breach. The pond is 1 ½ acres in size and it is an average of 3 feet deep. The dam is 12ft high. We have had some large rain falls where the water has gone over the dam.
- Jasmin C. Your dam is in our Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- David T. Should this maybe need to be updated?
Discussion followed.
I would like to invite the Commission to visit the dam.
- Rich T. We could start the June meeting there - - meet at 6:30 p.m. (All agreed.)

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- Rich T. Handing out some information on Town Forest Recreation Planning. We do have a State Forest that is not being utilized. Something to think about for the next meeting.
- Rich T. Future Goals - - Again – we will need to start looking at up-dating our Town Plan. It's to be done every 8 years and it looks like it should be done by 2024.
- David T. What is our major focus?
- The proposed sidewalk from the High School into town should be a top priority.
- Horace D. I would like to see this happen – it would be a good project!
{It did get started because there is a sidewalk over the bridge going up Rt 64. It was to start on Brook Street and go up to the High School. The State hasn't done much on Rt 64 in many years. There are spots that should have guardrails and none are there. There is limited parking by the Library and no handicapped spot available either. The State owns Rt 64 and the bottom by the Library needs work.}
{Also – our designated Downtown Area from Meadow Street to the Spider Web Farm Road could be up-dated also to allow for more parking.} (Left this info in from the previous minutes.) The state has a 4 rod right-of-way up Rte 14.

Old Business:

- Horace D. Asked about the Hazard Building Ordinance? What is happening with this?
- Jasmin C. The SB is having a Virtual meeting on May 24th to re-Draft and work on this Ordinance.
- Rich T. Any other Business to discuss?
- Susan L. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Horace D.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: June 9, 2021 - - 6:30 P.M. at David T's home/7:?? P.M. Town Bldg.

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