

Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2021

Malden Conservation Commission

Attending:

- M. Burne
- K. Zmijewski
- I. Slavitt (Acting Chair)
- K. Mazonson
- K. Kaba
- P. Buckley

Non-voting

- R. Roseen (Clerk)

Absent:

- G. Laskey

Vacant seats: 0

A virtual meeting of the Malden Conservation Commission (“ConCom” or “Commission”) was held via Zoom video call.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. The roll was called and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

2. This item was deferred to the next meeting to give members time to review drafts.

RDA- 100 Commercial St. Malden

3. A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the completion of an environmental remediation project under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP) on the property located at 100 Commercial St. Malden. A voice vote was taken and clearly passed.
4. Mr. Burne recused himself from this RDA hearing to avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest based on his employer.
5. Mr. Lindberg gave a brief overview and background info on the project. The goal of the project is to achieve a condition of no-significant risk to human health and the environment and to get to a permanent solution.

6. Mr. Slavitt asked Mr. Zmijewski and Mr. Roseen to give an overview of the site visit that was conducted, they gave a brief overview and showed a few pictures of the site.
7. Mr. Slavitt asked the applicant for confirmation that they were looking for a negative determination because this work will not alter the resource area.
8. Mr. Lindberg said that they concluded that it would not alter the resource area.
9. A motion was made and seconded to close the hearing and issue a Negative #2 Determination: The work described in the Request is within an area subject to protection under the Act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
10. A voice vote was taken and clearly passed. **RESOLVED** to close the hearing and issue a Negative #2 Determination.

Guest from Linden STEAM Academy

11. *(This informal item was not on the agenda.)*
12. Ms. Mokfienski Ramos, a 7th grade Science teacher from the Linden STEAM Academy in Malden, reached out to the Commission to get some information and ideas for a collaboration between her students and the Commission.
13. Mr. Burne gave some ideas such as a virtual field trip.
14. Ms. Mokfienski Ramos said that it is her goal to align the schools standards with initiatives in the City and to empower the kids and possibly produce an awareness or poster campaign about invasive species or other aspects that the Commission deals with on a regular basis.
15. Mr. Slavitt also gave some ideas about a couple of challenges that the Commission regularly sees and how students might get involved.
16. Ms. Mokfienski Ramos said she plans to create a lesson plan revolving around some of the ideas that were given and would reach back out to us to get more feedback and put a plan into motion.

Vote for Chair of the Commission

17. Mr. Slavitt has been the “acting” Chair of the Commission since there were vacant seats at the time of the vote naming him Chair. We now have a full Commission, a vote should be taken to choose a permanent Chair.
18. Mr. Slavitt suggested that the Commission may want to think about having a notional term length of a year so that others can have the opportunity to be Chair if they want. The Commission can revisit the issue next March, but in the meantime, if somebody in the Commission is interested in assuming the Chair, the Commission can discuss and bring it up to a vote at any time.
19. A motion was made and seconded to vote Mr. Slavitt as the Chair of the Conservation Commission.

20. A voice vote was taken and clearly passed. **RESOLVED** Mr. Slavitt was unanimously voted to serve as Chair of the Commission.

Draft Letter of Support

21. *(This informal item was not on the agenda.)*
22. During the previous meeting of the Commission, Mr. Prisco Tammaro gave an overview of the proposal for a master plan of Fellsmere Park and Pond. Mr. Tammaro asked the Commission to give a letter of support for a master plan for Fellsmere Park and Pond.
23. The Commission reviewed the draft letter of support.
24. Mr. Slavitt asked for any feedback.
25. The Commission agreed to send the letter of support to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

Adjournment

26. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and clearly passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM

You can view the full recorded meeting at:

https://cityofmalden.zoom.us/rec/share/_04E8rgAWkKNrK-Gt5KFXQCgAun1namCGugfiTdFNmLUofY7RrWSogM7cg3vwXum.BQAURdZLOY5qEJQ