

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
March 15, 2023

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Roll call

Everett Leach, Chair
Jennifer Walker, Vice Chair
Wendy Levine, Secretary
George Cundiff
Anne Gallo
George Blum (absent)

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes for 3-1-2023 tabled

PRESENTATIONS None

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS None

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 1. Playhouse parking lot runoff-not checked due to weather.
Tyler will follow up on this.**
 - 2. Proposed ordinance change 147-5. Removal of natural resources.
This will have to be postponed until the Nov. Town meeting.
Wendy will investigate how to proceed.**
 - 3. Storm Drain Outfalls. Everett and Phil Pickering will meet to see where work may
need to be done.
Many of the storm drains have been in place since the 1950s.**
 - 4. FB Environmental reports/recommendations. Tabled for the moment.
Everett and Tyler will follow up on this.**
 - 5. Earth Day Planning April 22, 2023
Jennifer and Anne will organize the event for Beach Cleanup.
Probable sites will be: Main Beach, Footbridge, Cove, Marginal Way
The Police and Tom Turno have been notified.
The Wells High School students will be recruited.
Alice at the Chamber of Commerce will promote it.**
- *****Tom Turno will provide trash bags, tables, and chairs.
Jennifer and Anne will make posters.
Participants should bring gloves.
We will ask the community to donate refreshments.**

6. Suzanne Williams from HeRO will let us know when she needs help for the following. Green Crab collection.

7. **Boston Land Walk**

Jill Crosbie from Great Works will contact Everett and Jennifer to set up a site walk on the Boston Land.

GWLT suggested that landowners abutting the conservation land set up their own boundary lines and post No Trespassing signs on their land if they wish to use them.

Chip recommended that Great Works respect the abutters by not building trails too close to the property lines.

NEW BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Suzanne Williams shared her Outfall research findings and will send email to Wendy.
2. Suzanne invited us to participate in Ecofest @ Beach Plum Farm on May 20th.
3. Dune plugs will be readdressed in October.
4. Wendy shared research she did on the value of oak trees.
A mature oak tree absorbs 48 pounds of CO₂/year. It stores the carbon and releases oxygen into the atmosphere, making it essential in our fight against climate change. When a tree is taken down, all of the carbon it has stored in its lifetime is released!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Leslie Wilcott-Henrie from Obeds Lane shared her concerns about the Obeds Lane proposed sidewalk and its potential for environmental damage. She questioned what the normal process is for a project like this to be approved. Everett suggested that she bring her questions to the Town Manager.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:18pm

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 5, 2023 AT 5:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Broms Levine
Secretary