



**Town of Henniker
Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday February 7, 2024 7 PM
Grange Hall**

Members Present: Co-Chair Holly Green, Co-Chair Mark Mitch, Ross Bennett, Maegan Gagne, Roni Hardy, Selectman Scott Osgood

Member's Excused:

Recording Secretary: Hank Bernstein

Guests: Susan Adams, Jeff Littleton

CALL TO ORDER

Holly called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

ITEM #1- SUSAN ADAMS

Susan Adams, representing the Azalea Park Committee, shared a presentation outlining the impact of erosion on Azalea Park. She noted that it has been difficult to raise funds for solutions to the erosion. Ms. Adams shared that she is reaching out to Town departments, committees, and groups looking for assistance with this project.

ITEM #2- NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY – JEFF LITTLETON, MOOSEWOOD ECOLOGICAL

Jeff Littleton, of Moosewood Ecological, gave updates to the status of the NRI. Discussion ensued. Mr. Littleton shared a contract with the Commission. The Commission will review the contract.

ITEM #3- REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY 3, 2024 DRAFT MINUTES

The Conservation Commission reviewed the minutes of January 3, 2024. **Mark moved to approve, seconded by Roni. Motion carried unanimously.**

ITEM #4- MAIL

The Commission reviewed two intents to cut. They expressed concern about an intent to cut and the potential wetland impacts.

The Commission discussed some email correspondence.

ITEM #5- LAND CONSERVATION AND COGSWELL SPRING SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLAN UPDATES

- a) Holly and Mark met with Five Rivers Conservation Trust over zoom to talk about a potential conservation easement. Most of the discussion raised issues related to compensation for development rights. Five Rivers is willing to hold the easement, but they are not in a position to fund raise. The Commission discussed the cost of an appraisal to determine the value of the development rights.
- b) Cogswell Spring Water Works is close to finalizing their source water protection plan.

ITEM #6- OTHER BUSINESS

Mark updated the Commission about the Board of Selectmen meeting and discussion of the Watershed Management Plan warrant article.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark moved to adjourn at 8:36, second by Roni. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Bernstein
Minute Taker

Minutes Approved: 03/06/2024