

Town of Pownal Conservation Commission (PCC) Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 28, 2023
7:00 pm, Mallett Hall

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Matt Welch. The following were in attendance: Dick Hogue, Kathy Elders, and Wellens King. Selectboard member Kate Day was also in attendance.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed, Matt noted that his last name was misspelled. Change noted, all in attendance voted to approve minutes.

Public Comment: N/A

Old Business:

Pumpkin Festival: The suggestion was made to provide more samples and/ or pictures of invasive species.

Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT): Now that Adam has left RRCT, Alan Stearns has taken over communications regarding the proposed conservation easement. Matt noted that we don't have an official survey for Sweetser Rd. parcel- this did not seem to be a big problem for RRCT, but Matt asked if it would be possible to get permission from the selectboard to get this scheduled for 2024. Matt spoke to Jeremy Stolz, the forester who performed the treeing of the Elmwood Rd parcel, and he offered to answer any questions about continued forest management.

Public Hearing: The first hearing will be on Dec 11 at 6pm. CC is first on the agenda- Wellens, Dick and Kathy will be present at the meeting to field any questions regarding the proposed Conservation Trust. Matt states that he will be able to attend the hearing on Dec.18, but not Dec. 11. The goal of these hearings is to present the general outline that has been jointly drafted by RRCT and PCC.

New Business:

Real Estate Request: (Map 2 Lots 30, 31-32) Apparently there has been an application submitted to purchase this lot. The official application has not been released to the town committees. Kate Day reported that the selectboard members have not voted on the Elmwood road request. Members present agreed that the CC's position would not differ from what was submitted regarding the Elmwood Rd. parcel.

Browntail Moth Mitigation: Matt received the list of tree companies that are approved by the state- each member chose a local company to call for pricing and information.

December meeting: Matt proposed meeting on December 19 as per regular schedule. Kathy proposed meeting at 6:30 for the December meeting, and also to consider changing the standing meeting time to 6:30 from 7:00. All present agreed to this pending approval from the town administrator.

Adjourn: Matt thanked all for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.