

Pownal Conservation Commission

March 2, 2020

Meeting called to Order 7:05 pm

Minutes of last meeting of 1/26/20; APPROVED

Old Business:

- Map 9 Lot 43: Dick received final copy from John Mann and successfully filed with Registry of Deeds. Matt mentioned getting reduced copies for files.
- Timber Harvest: Dick gave paper work to Jeremy which can take up to a month to complete; Dick checked with State Forest Service which confirmed existing rule re cleaning equipment between jobs. Noted: before logging check that boundaries and buffer zone are well marked.
- Map 9 Lots 11&14: Still with title attorneys
- Map 2, Lots 30 & 32: John Mann still working
- Map 7, Lots 43&45: Dick walked and noted flagging tape along the road, and new stakes on back corners. If these are correct then abutter's access road is Not infringing on Town property, but driveway of old cape is right on the property line.  
Discussion of how to monitor: first step is to call surveyor for information: Dick will do.
- Hodsdon Mill Property (Map 5, Lot 50): Discussion: Should we pursue parking area. How to finance? What would be process? Selectmen approval required last time. Can we access of Jordan Rd? Dick recalls that Town has access off Jordan Rd. Will need to find the full-scale survey. Dick and Matt will bring subject up at the next Selectmen's meeting. Dick to put on 3/9 agenda.

New Business:

- Map 9, Lot 43: Abutter Notification: Matt presented a notification letter for approval :  
Approved unanimously as read (see attached)  
Dick has a list of the abutting lots and will get the address information.
- MEAC renewal: Matt made a proposal to renew membership for the year: Approved
- Stewardship Fund: What is Balance? Need to check with Melissa
- Earth Day Clean Up general discussion. possibility of further work on Hodsdon Mill property.
- Town Social in May: general discussion.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Whitney



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Update from the Forests and Fields of Pownal

The PCC acts as the stewards of Pownal's working forests and all town owned parcels. There are four large forest tracts that we manage in the tree farm program with the assistance of a local professional forester. This is a long term sustainable plan which in addition to maintaining existing trails and open lands, emphasizes healthy, multi-use forests through promoting tree diversity and wildlife habitat. In order to achieve these goals, release cut harvests which adhere to the management plan will be done every 20 years. The Elmwood Rd. tract Map 9 lot 43 that your land abuts is scheduled for a release cut in 2020. This property was recently surveyed by John Mann & associates. Enclosed is a copy. When we have a firm starting date we will let you know.

In addition to managing the town's large forest tracts, we also walk and catalog the town's small parcels which are critical to maintaining Pownal's open space and rural character.

Please feel free to contact the selectmen with any questions. .

Sincerely,

The Pownal Conservation Commission