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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015**

APPROVED

Present: Donald (Gus) Murphy, Vice Chair; Heather Charles Lis, Gail Feldman, Diane Francis & Kelly Phelan, Staff

Absent: Patrick Flynn, Chair; Kevin Bears, Alan Weinberg

Public Hearings

None

Other Business

Commission Reorganization

Tabled

Request for Certificate of Compliance

8-612 Sunset Lake Stormwater BMPs/Planning & Community Development Dept.

Staff noted that the project included rain gardens, pervious pavers and deep sump catch basins. The work was completed in 2012 and has performed well over the subsequent growing seasons. Staff reviewed the as-built plans and recommended issuing a Certificate of Compliance.

Motion by Ms. Charles Lis, second by Ms. Feldman, to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 8-612 with a surviving condition for maintenance. Vote: 4-0.

Letter from MAPC Re: Route 3 Toll Lane Proposal

Staff said she attended an informational meeting in Hingham regarding the potential for MA Department of Transportation to allow a private developer to build a toll lane on Route 3. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) has reached out to communities along Route 3 to ascertain the level of interest and concern. The toll lane would be within the median strip where one exists. Since there is no median strip from Exit 16 north, new lanes would be potentially constructed adjacent to the Monatiquot River. Staff drafted a letter for the Commission to consider sending to MAPC to make concern about the river known.

Motion by Ms. Feldman, second by Ms. Charles Lis, to send a letter to the MAPC to express concern about impacts to Pond Meadow Park and the Monatiquot River. Vote: 4-0.

Eaton's Pond Stewardship

Staff said they are continuing efforts since the clean-up last fall to prevent people from setting up campsites in the area. They are holding a trail walk on May 16th. She suggested the Commission consider funding a few hours a week (at \$15- \$20 an hour) of environmental education for the kids who live at the nearby Skyline Apartment complex.

Ms. Feldman said it would need to be well-organized and planned so that the parents feel comfortable.

Staff reached out to the biology/environmental science program at Eastern Nazarene College to see if there was interest from any of the students. A few students indicated interest. Staff will ask them to provide a proposal of the educational activities. Staff will continue to work on the details of setting up a program.

Motion by Ms. Feldman, second Ms. Charles Lis, to give staff permission to hire someone to offer an educational program. Vote: 4-0.

Approval of Minutes April 2, 2015

Motion by Ms. Charles Lis, second by Mr. Murphy, to approve the minutes of April 2nd Vote: 4-0.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Feldman, second by Ms. Charles Lis. Vote: 4-0.