

Middleborough Conservation Commission
June 30, 2022

Unless specified everyone was present in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room at the Middleborough Town Hall: Diane Stewart (via Zoom), Chair; Nancy Ockers, 1st Co-Vice Chair; Melissa Guimont, 2nd Co-Vice Chair; Peter Gately; Adam Guaraldi (via Zoom 6:57PM); Jacqueline Jones (via Zoom), and Edward Medeiros. Also present was Phyllis Barbato, Senior Clerk, Patricia Cassady, Agent, and Catherine Pipher, Minutes Clerk.

Meeting started at 6:39 PM. Diane Stewart chaired.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and Governor Baker's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Middleborough Conservation Commission was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Accounting

A motion was made by Nancy Ockers, to pay Gatehouse Media in the amount of \$78.49 for the re-advertisement of Moulton Street, 2nd by Peter Gately. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Abstained, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Abstained, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Two abstentions, the remainder in favor.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to pay W.B.Mason in the amount of \$48.58, for 2 fans for the office, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to pay Standish Enterprise in the amount of \$459.00, for letter head and envelopes, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to pay Pattie Staglioli in the amount of \$27.40, for diesel fuel for the Pratt Farm tractor, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to pay Environmental Consulting and Restoration in the amount of \$1,062.50, for the peer review for 1 Spruce Street & 534 Wareham Street, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to approve the meeting minutes from June 16, 2022, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Abstained, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. One abstention, the remainder in favor.

Reappointment of Commissioners

Barbato said that Jones is interested in serving for another 3 years.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to recommend Jacqueline Jones, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

Interview Clerical Position

Barbato said there was one applicant for the part-time clerical position. Pipher was the applicant and handed out her letter and resume to the Commission. Stewart asked if anyone had questions and/or comments. Guimont asked if Pipher could work more than the 25 hours. Pipher said she was able to work 40 hours per week. Barbato said they can pay her the 15 extra hours out of the wetland or bylaw filing fee account. Barbato said the Town Manager approved the 25 hours and then they can go back to the special town meeting in October and ask for more hours. Ockers said Pipher has been doing a great job and is thankful she was able to get more hours. Stewart said she has been picking things up quickly. Barbato said when she works from home, Pipher always responds in a prompt manner. Cassady said she has picked up quickly and is learning more. Medeiros said it is nice that she has been here and understands what is going on.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to offer Catie Pipher the part-time clerical position for the Conservation Commission, 2nd by Peter Gately. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

Coloring Contest for Open Space and Recreation Plan Cover

Cassady said she and Gately were at the last Open Space working group meeting and they had a drone take an overhead image of the park land off Jackson Street and she didn't know if the Commission would like to use the aerial view or if they would like the youth to draw something. The Commission said they would like the youth to draw a picture for the cover. Stewart said she would like the youth to draw a picture for the cover. Ockers said she agrees and would like to get the youth involved. Medeiros suggested that they use the drone picture for the back of the OSRP cover. Gately asked if Pipher could put the OSRP booklet together and Pipher said yes. Stewart said they could advertise for anyone up to grade 12 to draw something regarding Conservation or Open Space. Amanda Meyer at the library will be the one who gets the ball rolling on this project.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to have a coloring contest for the kids to draw the Open Space and Recreation Plan cover, 2nd by Melissa Guimont. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Adam Guaraldi Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

Guimont asked when the deadline would be to submit the drawings. Cassady said probably by the end of summer. Stewart said suggested the Friday after Labor Day.

Pratt Farm Clean Up

The flyer is done for the Pratt Farm Clean Up. Pipher will put it on the website, at the kiosk at Pratt Farm, mailboxes in the annex, and will send it to the Commissioners so they can post it to their social media.

A motion was made by Edward Medeiros, to adjourn at 7:00PM, 2nd by Nancy Ockers. Roll call vote: Peter Gately Aye, Adam Guaraldi Aye, Melissa Guimont Aye, Jacqueline Jones Aye, Edward Medeiros Aye, Nancy Ockers Aye, and Diane Stewart Aye. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Catherine Pipher
Minutes Clerk

DATE APPROVED: July 21, 2022