Bethlehem Conservation Commission

August 13, 2020

6pm

Zoom Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Nicole McGrath, Cheryl Jensen, Lindsay Webb, Alternate Marilyn Johnson

**Absent:** Vivian Winterhoff, Linda Moore, Alternate Jeanne Robillard

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Lindsay motioned to appoint Marilyn as a voting member for the meeting, Cheryl seconded, motion passed 4-0.

**Minutes:**

The BCC reviewed the minutes of June 25, 2020. Cheryl motioned to accept the meeting minutes, Lindsay seconded, motion passed 4-0.

**Mail:**

The BCC reviewed the mailbag

* + 6/30/2020 – After the fact Wetlands Permit for Omni Mount Washington, LLC
  + 6/30/2020 – Shoreland Permit Application for Garage on River Road
  + 7/1/2020 – email response from Amy Hudnor regarding Shoreland Permit process for Presidential Mountain Resort property
  + 7/10/2020 – email about Japanese Knotweed along roadways in town. Lindsay forwarded to Road Agent along with Guidelines from Department of Agriculture.
  + 7/29/2020 – email about Prospect Street stonewalls
  + 7/31/2020 – email announcing Public Hearing for NCES Landfill expansion permit application
  + 08/05/2020 – Letter of Deficiency for the Lloyd Hills property, Tax Map 205 Lot 255.

There was discussion on the response from Amy Hudnor regarding the shoreland permit for the Presidential Mountain Resort property. Cheryl will speak with Linda and try to determine a date range for when the pool was removed. Cheryl will draft a response to DES regarding the shoreland permit.

The BCC discussed an email received regarding Japanese Knotweed. Lindsay has already forwarded the email and the best management practices to Road Agent Brett Jackson. She will forward the resources and best management practices to the other members of the Commission and Nicole will post them on the town’s website to be a resource for residents.

Lindsay will respond to the email regarding stone walls and let the individual know that they are likely on private property and there is nothing we as a commission can do.

The BCC will not be commenting on the landfill expansion permit application. The last time there was an application regarding the expansion the BCC was advised not to comment due to the Select Board agreement with Casella. The BCC is assuming this would be very similar and therefor we will not comment.

The BCC discussed the letter for Deficiency for the Lloyd Hills property. The BCC discussed sending a copy of the letter to ACT as they hold an easement on the property. Cheryl motioned that we draft a letter and include a copy of the 2017 report of the property done by Elise Lawson, along with the comments from the BCC that were originally submitted at the time of the wetland’s application. Lindsay seconded, Motion passed 4-0.

**Town Forest Property Survey Update:**

The BCC has received three copies of the survey map and the markers have been put up along the border. Gardener Kellogg has sent an invoice in the amount of $3,400 for the survey work. Lindsay motioned to pay Gardener Kellogg for the work he did on the Town Forest Survey in the amount of $3,400 to come out of our savings account. Cheryl seconded. There was discussion on the mylar and the other deliverables, Lindsay amended her motion to make sure we have received all deliverables before paying Gardener Kellogg. Cheryl seconded, Motion passed 4-0.

Nicole will contact Linda to see if Gardner has provided everything that was requested.

**Other/New Business:**

The BCC is looking for a new treasurer. The Saving account as of July 31st has $17,758.18 and there is about $635 remaining in the Town Account. Marilyn asked if the Town has paid the BCC any LUCT this year. Nicole will look into it and get back to them.

**Next Meetings:** 6pm (Location TBD or Zoom)

September 24, 2020

October 22, 2020

Cheryl motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm, Marilyn seconded, Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole McGrath, Secretary