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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2020

Members Present: Ed Hoopes (Chairman), Tom Durkin (Vice Chairman), Patricia Mulhearn, David Bernstein, Rick Bishop, Ellie Lawrence, and Paul Huggins.

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Member(s) Absent:

Staff: Kelly Grant

Start Time: 4.30pm

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Kelly Grant moderated the meeting reading the following into the minutes:

The November 5, 2020, meeting of the Yarmouth Conservation Commission is about to be convened. As a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of coronavirus, all Town buildings are closed to the public; therefore, this meeting will be held by remote participation. My name is Kelly Grant, and I will be moderating participation for this meeting. I will now turn it over to the Chair of the meeting:

Vice Chairman Commissioner Durkin opened the meeting, taking a roll call for quorum. The following members confirmed their presence:

Tom Durkin, Paul Huggins, Patricia Mulhearn, David Bernstein, Rick Bishop, and Ellie Lawrence.

Kelly Grant provided the following instructions for the meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Yarmouth Conservation Commission is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access and participate in the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching via this virtual meeting. The live feed on the Town of Yarmouth YouTube Channel is not currently working. You may also listen to the meeting by dialing in to the number provided on the Notice of Meeting. We will also post a recording of this meeting on the Town of Yarmouth website as soon as we are able.

Please be patient as we work to overcome any technological challenges with the virtual meeting. To reduce confusion during the meeting, all participants of the virtual meeting are muted by the moderator. As participants are called upon to speak they will be unmuted.

Applicants can use the "Raise Hand" button or press *9 on their phone to identify themselves to the chair. The meeting host will then un-mute applicants when they are called upon to speak. During the portion of the hearing designated for public comment, the Chair or moderator will ask

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who in the audience has any public comments or questions. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be able to make comments using the "Raise Hand" button within the virtual meeting. If you are dialed in to the phone number provided, you can press *9 on your phone to indicate that you would like to comment. Please wait for the chairman to recognize you before speaking. As an alternative to making comments via the online audio or phone, you may also submit comments to the moderator via the virtual meeting "chat" function. To do this click on the "chat" icon and type your message. When prompted, the moderator will read comments and questions into the record.

Members of the public who wish to provide comment are asked to identify themselves by first and last name and affiliation for the public record and then provide their comment.

If you wish to speak during a hearing please consider the following guidelines:

- Do not use speakerphone
- Do not use Bluetooth devices
- Mute all background noises
- Clearly state your name each and every time prior to speaking

Prior to concluding opportunities for discussion, comment, or question, the Chair will ask:

"At this time I did not hear any requests for additional comment, if you wish to speak, please indicate now and I will ask this final time if there is anyone who wishes to speak on the matter at hand."

All votes must be roll call votes. After a motion is made and there is a second, the Chair will ask the moderator to take the roll call vote. The moderator will report the roll call vote. All motions, decisions, documents, and letters will be verbally read into the record. If it appears the meeting cannot or should not proceed, then the moderator will recommend that the Chair request to continue the hearing to a later date and time and/or until public meetings can resume normally. I will now hand the meeting back to the Chair.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Update on town dredging work – Karl von Hone

Karl von Hone presenting:

Some work has been done in Mill creek, will be moving to Parkers river mouth and entrance channel as well as the mouth and Bass river entrance channel, some spot areas but more focus on the area north and south of the route 28 bridge.

The comprehensive 10 year dredging plan is up for renewal and work is going forward for re-permitting.

2. Repairs to Raymond Syrjala boardwalks – request for funding through Conservation Fund.

The Division of Natural resources has financed the board walk repairs but may come before the Conservation Commission to help with other projects.