Present:  
Gene Crouch (Chair)  
William Moulton (Vice Chair)  
Carl Hakansson  
Cathy Van Lancker  
K.G. Narayana (left at 8:49)  
Greg Wands  
Gabriel Toledo  
Maeghan Dos Anjos (Agent)

Meeting held by Zoom  
Call to order: 7:08 P.M.

The Commission reviewed the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Crouch said that he will send language to line 114.

Mr. Narayana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Van Lancker, to accept the April 27, 2020, Meeting Minutes as amended. Motion passed 7-0-0. (Roll call vote: CH, KN, GT, CVL, GW, WM, GC).

7:28  Land Management Discussion, Agent’s Report on baseline documentation results for various properties

The Agent showed the Commission a Locus Map of the properties that are either in the care and the custody of the Conservation Commission, or that have a Conservation Restriction (CR) on them. The Agent explained that encroachment was an issue on all properties. The Agent also explained the results of a recent inspection to the Stoneybrook CR, and the Annesi property. The Agent had attended the inspection with Mr. Toledo. Mr. Toledo confirmed the Agent’s findings stating that trees were cut down with an axe in some areas.

The Agent concluded the discussion by talking about the next steps. One step includes sending a letter to all abutters from Conservation Lands and CR properties. The Commission stated that the letter should attach the rules from the protocols which were approved by the Commission in November of 2018. The Agent recommended that conservation boundary markers should be installed at all of the properties. The Commission agreed, and suggested that the abutter letter will have information regarding the installation of the boundary markers. Mr. Crouch suggested doing this when the State of Emergency is lifted.

The Commission also reviewed a draft Warren Woods Trail Map. The Agent explained that it was a working progress. The Commission suggested adding a few features to the map, which included the following:
The Commission discussed adding aerial photography. Mr. Moulton suggested using base layers from ArcGIS. Mr. Moulton said that he has a pro license, and that the base layer may not be available with a basic license.

Mr. Wands asked about the erosion to the trails and what can be done to fix the trails. [The erosion was caused by the replacement of a pipe at a basin off, and site clearing off of Summitpointe Drive]. The Commission discussed the use of erosion control BMPs such as installing straw, and discussed the use of installing logs or branches to divert the water away from the trail. Mr. Moulton said that they can reroute the trail as another option.

8:58 Review Template Checklist for SMP

The Commission reviewed a template checklist for the Stormwater Management Permit, and made some changes.

9:07 Adjournment

Ms. Van Lancker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Moulton to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6-0-0. (Roll call vote: CH, GT, CVL, GW, WM, GC)

Documents Reviewed by the Conservation Commission on 5/4/2020

- Document entitled Meeting Minutes Ashland Conservation Commission dated 4/27/2020
- Document entitled, Conservation Land and Restrictions dated 10/3/2019
- Document entitled, Warren Woods Trail Map DRAFT
- Document entitled, Applicant Checklist for an SMP