

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022 6:30 pm

Attendees: Tico Wolff, Diana Wood, David Barker, Brad Salzman

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

Approve Agenda: 2 items added to Agenda Sarnoff Property
Open Meeting Laws

Approve Minutes: Approved as amended (punctuation corrections)

Update on Crawford Property Invasive Plant Control At the July 12 meeting, the Select Board approved awarding the Crawford Property Invasive Plant Control project to Redstart Natural Resource Management, to be paid for from the Conservation Fund, as requested by the Conservation Commission. Copies of the signed agreement will be sent to AJ Follensbee and Rita Hull. Several questions were raised at the SB meeting:

1) Is the project worth it, or will the area be taken over with invasives in a few years anyway? The thought is that if invasives are controlled early after the timber harvest, they won't have as good a chance at getting established and easier to manage in the future.

2) Is there a chance the treatment will pollute the nearby 1st Branch? Tico will check with AJ.

3) Who flags the 150' buffer around the well? Tico will check with AJ.

4) Will signage or notices to the public be put up around the area during treatment? Tico will check with AJ.

Update on deer exclosure project at the Crawford Property Landing: A small area has been fenced in to keep deer out to evaluate deer browse activity. Unknown duration of this project.

Sarnoff Property: Brad stopped by this morning. The parking area and around the solar panels has been mowed recently. Brad will plan to bush hog the trail

soon and then discuss the possibility of a workday. Perhaps cut a trail along the town right of way.

Open Meeting Laws: Agendas and meeting are supposed to be posted on the town web site. The last minutes posted are from March 2019. David advised that a new town web site is being designed and after it is up and running (possibly next month), Victoria will be able to post meeting agendas and minutes.

Adjourn: 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: August 15, 2022

Respectfully submitted

Brad Salzmann