

Planning and Zoning Commission
May 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes
Please Note: This meeting was held online.

Members Present:

Walter Parsell

Laurie Semprebon (seated for A. Marco)

Doug Roberts

Bob Shabot

John Tehan

Other Members Present:

Michael D'Amato- Zoning Agent

Ashley Stephens- Assistant Zoning Agent

W. Parsell called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Roll Call/ Seating of Alternates

New Business

8-24 Referral: Purchase of 16AC parcel on Mason Rd known as Map 1, Lot 9-01 from the estate of Daniel Talmadge

Kathy Demurs from the Conservation Commission stated the commission will work with the current land owners to purchase this property. They are waiting for the state grant to be announced, and they have the support from the board of selectmen. P&Z must recommend to the town that the purchase would be in line with the POCD. The Conservation Commission feels it is a high priority piece that is continuous with other open space parcels the town owns, which will create 602 acres of open space the town will own. It is over an aquifer in town, which owning the parcel will help to protect it.

W. Parsell asked if it will be open to the public for hiking?

K. Demurs stated yes it has to be as part of the grant they will be getting, and it will add another trail to connect the existing trails.

L. Semprebon asked if their suggested motion make sense.

M. D'Amato stated it does.

W. Parsell asked if anyone else would like to speak on it.

L. Semprebon made a motion to approve the following:

Pursuant to Sec. 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Willington Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the town of Willington acquire the 16.17 acre Talmadge Estate property (Map 1, Lot 9-01) with frontage on Mason Road for public open space conservation purposes. Such land is contiguous with other preserved open space in Town and offers multiple resource values including water supply and watershed protection, forest preservation, climate resiliency, wildlife habitat, and passive recreation. Providing no deed restriction limiting the following, or encumbrances are placed on the property: Forest Management Practices, Wildlife Management Practices or Invasive Species Management Practices, this acquisition is in compliance with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, 2018-2028

W. Parsell seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes
April 20, 2021

L. Semprebon asked if there could be clarification of the previous minutes when stating who made a motion for the applications.

L. Semprebon made a motion to approve minutes from April 20, 2021. W. Parsell seconded the motion. All in favor.

Correspondence
HEAL Virtual Workshop: EHHD

M. D'Amato stated they are running a workshop on healthy living, with a couple of online sessions, asking to get the word out. They are 15-20 minute sessions, every week, and you can do it at any point during the week. It helps to get feedback from the community with minimum commitment.

Please see link here if you are interested in signing up:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/697DQZ9?fbclid=IwAR2lseZ4_lalrcuFpWm6YIXoGDxosYEplKDB3NPiPCXS9JUArRcRw_ZT3l

Staff Report/Discussion
Endorsement of Approved Mylar

Loves Update

M. D'Amato stated virtual meetings are extended through the fiscal year to address hybrid meetings and give time to create plans. This will be about another 6 weeks minimum. He asked how W. Parsell would like to go about signing mylars and other items that may be coming in that need the chair's signature.

W. Parsell stated he does not mind signing them electronically or coming to the town hall.

M. D'Amato stated that we sent out the RFP's for the clerk of the works. We are now looking at the applications we have received in. We have to look at particular items like state and wetland items. Love's has elected not to bid the job, and selected a contractor directly for Loves management. They are looking to get started in 3-4 weeks. We will figure out how involved the clerk will be based on the sequencing and what is needed. This is to be paid for by Loves and there will be no out of pocket expenses for the town.

D. Roberts asked how many proposals we received.

M. D'Amato stated we have received 3 applications. The smaller firms are very busy so they don't have the time to take on something like this right now.

Adjournment

W. Parsell adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Stephens