

Members Present: Justin Richardson, Peggy Lamson, Doreen Stern, George Fletcher, and Jane Hislop

Members Absent: Dorothy Watson

Also Present: Mark West

Commencement: Chairman Richardson opened the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Pease Prime Wetland Mapping: Mark West reported on his meeting with PDA wetland scientist Jim Gove. Mapping discrepancies between West and Gove appear to be a relatively minor issue. The real issue seems to be the regulatory impact on seven sites that are already disturbed. PDA would be OK with Prime designation if there were no buffer requirements. Mr. West will provide a written summary of his meeting with Gove.

Invoices: Hislop moved to pay the West Environmental bill. Stern seconded. All in favor.

Town Forest: Lamson moved that the Conservation Commission split the \$6,500 cost of a survey of the Town Forest. Stern seconded. Fletcher asked if we had money in the budget. Richardson noted that the surveyor is his neighbor, and asked if anyone objected to his (Richardson) voting on this matter. All in favor except Hislop who recused herself.

More Invoices: Hislop moved to pay the Ransom Baldwin bill. Fletcher seconded. All in favor.

Proposed Legislation: Richardson briefed the commission on HB 384 that would affect Prime Wetlands in forested areas. He testified in Concord.

DES Water Quality Criteria for the Bay: Commission discussed the Portsmouth-led coalition that opposes higher standards.

March 12 Minutes: Hislop moved to adopt. Fletcher seconded. All in favor.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

T. Morgan, Acting Sec'y