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Weston Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021 (Zoom meeting)

Attending: Marisa Bolognese, Anne Degan, Andrew Harper, Deborah Hennessey, Jeff Lennox, Loretta Murphy

Absent: Annie Fujii, Donald Hart

Meeting Called to Order: 7 pm

Requested Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Review and Approve Minutes: Jeff moved and Andrew seconded to approve April 1, 2021 minutes. Unanimously approved.

WCC Projects Update

- **Weston Community Garden:** Marisa reported on a meeting with board members of the Weston Recreation Center to discuss the proposed Community Garden and Greenhouse. Lisa Yrsha, president of the board, expressed concerns about potential noise, parking issues and the fact that the Rec Center has historically been reserved for use by Weston residents and their guests. The Rec Board also wondered what role the WCC would play, and whether there would be an issue with new and/or existing trees. Marisa described the project as a win-win for everyone and a chance to increase the value of the Rec Center by providing flowerbeds, areas for sitting and relaxing, etc. The Rec Board is expected to make a final decision this summer and, if approved, the Community Garden would then be launched next year. Another meeting is scheduled May 20 to continue discussions and address Board concerns. Marisa said members of the Rec Board also planned to join her for a May 14 meeting with the director of the Ludlow Community Garden to learn more about such projects.

- **Web Site:** Marisa took a look at the WCC Web site and our section of the town Web site. She and Jeff will continue to discuss ways to improve on what we have now.

- **Civilian Conservation Corps Trail:** Jeff was able to enhance the historical photos and they appear to be good enough quality for use on the informational kiosk. Andrew and Jeff will meet to try to piece together the photos with text from the Historical Society.

- **Rec Center Trail:** Andrew has talked or written to all landowners along the prospective trail from the Playhouse to the Rec Center. He noted that the path would be for walking only (not bicycle use). Andrew said the Kinhaven board is open to discussion about the trail, but is concerned that people may wander onto the property during the eight-week camp session. Andrew will meet with Kinhaven representatives May 15. He noted that Kinhaven is already open to the public most weekends in the summer, and there might be a way to close off pedestrian traffic during the week.

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Anne Degan

Next meeting: June 3, 2021, 7 pm, ZOOM