



## PETERSHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

2 May 2017

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS:

John Baker  
✓ Robert Clark  
✓ Ashley Gabrenas  
✓ David Lockesmith  
✓ Ry Parcell  
✓ Henry Woolsey  
✓ Tyson Neukirch  
Tom Webber (associate)

#### GUESTS:

Jim DiMaio, forester  
Chelsea, DiMaio's forestry assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Office Building, 3 South Main Street, in the upstairs conference room. The meeting was duly published, posted on the Town website, and the Meeting Agenda was received by the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the April 2017 regular meeting were approved.

#### Review Forest Cutting Plans –

**MARONITE MONKS OF ADORATION, INC., 67 DUGWAY ROAD  
(PETERSHAM PARCEL NO. 719) – DCR FILE NO. 234-8768-17 –  
APPROVED**

**RANDY RAMEAU, 61 MONSON TURNPIKE (PETERSHAM PARCEL  
NO. XXX) – DCR FILE NO. 234-8719-17 – APPROVED**

#### Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability

The Request for Determination of Applicability under the Wetlands Protection Act regulations for the selective harvesting of trees within the 100 foot buffer zone of a wetland resource area (stream) behind the Maronite Monks of Adoration buildings (off Dugway Road) was reviewed by the Commission. A site visit was held by the Commission on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to look at the proposed cutting with several monks and Jim DiMaio, their forester, in attendance. They are concerned that some of the tall White Pines especially

could be subject to wind damage and fall and damage the monastery buildings. The stream crossings will be done carefully with equipment crossing on a temporary wooden bridge as needed which would rest well back beyond the bank of the stream, thus the work will not impact the resource area. After discussion the Commission determined the cutting will not alter an area subject to protection under the Act.

**STUDENT INTERNS – UPDATE – none**

**DCR Applicability Decisions under the Watershed Protection Regulations – none**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS – none**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Woolsey  
Temporary Recorder