

**Minutes**  
**Northampton Conservation Commission**  
**Hearing Room 18, City Hall, Northampton, Mass.**  
**Sept. 22, 2016**

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	
Mason Maronn	x	
Tim Parshall	x	
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
t.b.a.		
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	
Aleta DeLisle	x	

*Meeting Opened At:*

*By:*

5:30 p.m.

Kevin

*Minutes Approved:*

*Motion By:*

*Second By:*

*Unanimous:*

Sept. 8, 2016

Tim

Jack

All in favor

April 28, 2016

Tim

Jack

All in favor

Regular Session

Tim

Jack

All in favor

April 28, 2016

Tim

Jack

All in favor

Executive Session

Tim

Jack

All in favor

**Order of Business:**

Presentation of Management Plan – Meadows Conservation Area at Montview, Meadow City Conservation Coalition.

Mac Everett and Jane Potter of MCCC represented the management plan. Mac stated that after coming before the Commission three years ago, they are still working on the plan. Mac stated they have solicited neighborhood opinions and that everyone involved has different views on how the plan should be implemented. Mac and Jane consulted with land conservation professionals, Laurie Sanders and Alex Croft for their advice and have come up with the plan. Jane stated that they had also taken the Commission's input from previous meetings. Mac stated that they would like to do some plantings in the future if they can raise money for them and maintain them. Jane stated that they have a new licensee on the land who is farming one acre of land with garlic and herbs. Jane stated that they have kept the neighbors informed and has invited them to attend meetings.

Kevin stated that he received a letter from Rick Clark who stated that he is not happy with the plan and asked if the good parts of the plan can actually be implemented. Mac responded that he believes Rick would like to keep the area mowed down. Kevin stated that Laurie

Sanders supports the plan. Mac stated that there's a small group of people involved and believes the plan can be implemented. Jane stated that they have more resources now and could also possibly apply for a CPA grant. Mr. Reed, Williams Street stated that he would be happy to volunteer and knows others that would also. Fred Zimnock, Ward 3, stated in terms of volunteers he has a list of groups willing to help. The Commission commended the plan. Tim asked if they would be working on it soon due to the presence of invasives. They responded that they would be.

Upon motion by Mason and second by Tim the Commission voted all in favor to approve the initial plan for three years.

Update on Invasive Plant Control Efforts and Priorities. This has been postponed.

Executive Session under MGL C 30A §21(6) to 'Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property' for interests in conservation lands.

By roll call vote the Commission voted all in favor to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. By roll call vote the Commission adjourned Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. and returned to Regular Session.

Kevin asked if there was any progress regarding Cardinal Way and the mortality of amphibians. Sarah stated that she will renew the discussion and contact DPW.

Mason reviewed the location of a possible violation on Crestview Drive. Sarah will follow up on the matter.

Jack reviewed the Commission's CPA grant application requests and the Commission agreed to prioritize the requests as follows:

- 1) Burts Pit
- 2) Route 66/Glendale Road
- 3) Beaver Brook/Broad Brook Connection
- 3) Beaver Brook Blind and Parklet
- 4) Soft costs for Conservation Commission Land Acquisitions.

<i>Meeting Adjourned:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>
6:55 p.m.	Tim	Mason	All in favor