

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Remote Online Meeting
February 11, 2021

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	
Mason Maronn	x	
Randy Krotowski	x	
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
Alec Bernstein	x	
Jen Smith	x	
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	

<i>Meeting Opened At:</i>	<i>By:</i>
5:32 p.m.	Kevin

<i>Minutes Approved:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>
September 24, 2020	Alec	Jason	Yes, by roll call vote

Public Comment

None

Resilience and Regeneration Plan

Wayne Feiden, Director of Planning and Sustainability, provided an overview of the City’s recently adopted Plan. Also known as a Climate Action Plan, the Plan provides goals to be regenerative and adaptive to climate change. It creates a road map for departments to conserve and reduce carbon by coordinating across city government, with a focus on high impact practices. Conservation Commission related activities include land use patterns and transportation. Maximizing habitat value and allowing natural storage of stormwater, including restored wetlands where possible, can all involve open space. Open space management decisions can also be informed by climate change resiliency, such as carbon sequestration in soils or trees.

The Commission discussed shifting floodplain boundaries and increased floods, and limitations created by a statewide building code, and coordination of City efforts with other local and regional plans, and prioritization of land protection efforts.

Other Business

Kevin talked about a potential letter to the editor of the Daily Hampshire Gazette to encourage responsible dog behavior at all greenways, particularly Fitzgerald Lake.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM