

Minutes of Environmental Commission Meeting –September 19, 2022

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89653798743?pwd=YkNjeWRLV3NqV1ZLSmpVeDEwbGtldz09>

Members Present: Andy Anderson, Meghan Knaggs, Alisa Saporito, Nicholas Schneider, Orr Kadec

Council Representative: Heather Wasser

Approval of minutes –

One slight change to wording of last paragraph (Andy will send to MaryBeth and myself to include in next minutes)

Motion to approve minutes of June 20, 2022 (Saporito Motions, Knaggs seconds)

Motion carries

Old business

- Seventh commission member – Welcome Orr Kadec
- Index of open areas – priority for the council

New Business

- Limits on gas-powered leaf blowers – for both landscapers and private home owners. This has been looked at in years past and there were concerns over people who make a living landscaping in town and compliance by other companies.
- Native plant ordinances – any town plantings should be native plants, unsure who makes those decisions of what are planted or what is considered native and success rate.
- Shade Tree commission meeting (10/26/22 at 7pm ET) -asking our committee to attend as members of the public with no official status – they meet in person. Heather Wasser will confirm new date and time (confirmed via email on 10/6/22)
- Lawns – less grass/treatments on lawns proposal

Report on Council Activities – 2 accidents on Haworth & Maple. Dangerous intersection that the council is looking into what can be done. Also pickleball courts being bid out by the swim club repurposing the current basketball court and adding additional court. Heather Wasser says

Report on Planning Board Activities – has not met in months. Massachusetts last heard clean bill of health regarding wetlands. At some point borough will send subdivision plan to the planning board. Some market rate units and some affordable units.

Motion to adjourn (Nicholas Schneider, Orr Kadec seconded) at 7:41 pm

Submitted by Meghan Reeder