

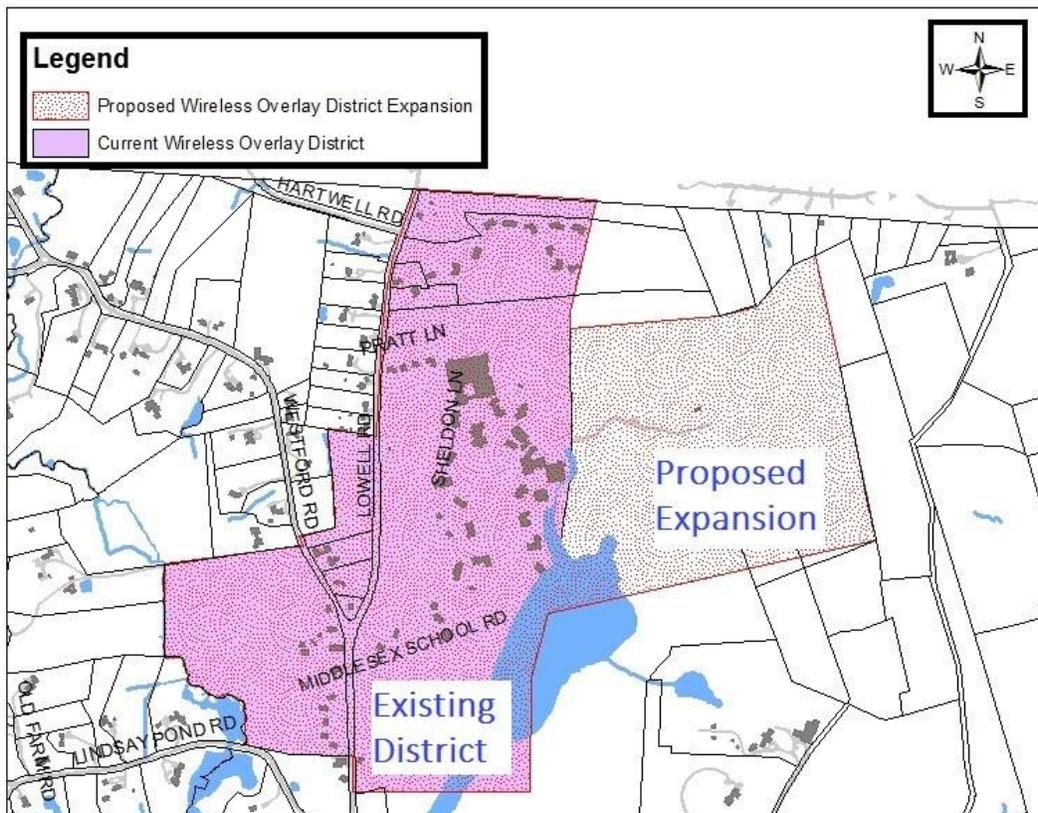
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Town Clerk, the meeting of the Natural Resources Commission was held at 500 Walden Street, Concord-Carlisle High School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The following Commissioners were present: Greg Higgins, Chair, Judy Zaunbrecher, Jeff Adams, and Ed Nardi. Delia Kaye, Natural Resources Director was also present. Planning Board Chair Gary Kleiman joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Chair Higgins opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

DISCUSS ARTICLE 30 – ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT – PERSONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP

The Planning Board is sponsoring an article, “To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the seventh paragraph of **Zoning Bylaw Section 2.2 Zoning Map** by deleting “Wireless Communication Facility(s) Overlay District Map, Town of Concord, April 26, 2004 (Scale 1” = 1,000’ consisting of a single sheet)” and adopting a new map that is on file with the Town Clerk’s office entitled “Personal Wireless District Communications Facility Overlay District Map, Town of Concord, April 2019, (Scale 1” = 1,000’ consisting of a single sheet)” that expands the District near 1400 Lowell Road, or take any other action thereto.



Chair Higgins relayed a meeting that he and Commissioner Adams had with Planning Board Chair Gary Kleiman over the weekend. The Planning Board has sponsored this article to expand the Wireless Overlay District to include additional land within the Estabrook Woods, which was put forward by a citizens group last year and did not pass. The proposed expansion site raises concerns for future wireless communications facilities. Some of the land ("Parcel B" of Assessor's Parcel 1533) is under a term Conservation Restriction, and when this expires, development will be possible. Some of the land in the proposed expansion area is owned by Harvard University with a deed of charitable obligation, and the majority of the proposed expansion area is within an area mapped by the state Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program as BioMap2 Core Habitat.

Chair Higgins and Commissioner Adams suggested a modified version of the expanded area, to only include the tennis courts and a connection to the current overlay district. This would restrict the expanded area to those areas that are already currently developed. Gary Kleiman joined the meeting and explained that the Planning Board's intention was to expand the district to encompass a larger swath of land than is currently included in this overlay, and that wireless overlay districts are developed to be broad. Actual placement of any facility would take into account of the concerns raised by the NRC, other legislative bodies, and the public.

The Commission asked Mr. Kleiman if the Planning Board had considered updating the Town-wide evaluation of existing and potential expansion of wireless facilities, which was last updated in 2003. Mr. Kleiman agreed that was a good idea, but beyond the scope of the article that was currently on the warrant. The NRC expressed interest in participating in the update.

Commissioner Adams moved that the NRC take no action on Article 30, and advised that the Planning Board review and update the town-wide overlay district. Commissioner Zaunbrecher seconded. All so voted.

Commissioner Zaunbrecher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Nardi seconded. All so voted. This meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delia Kaye
Natural Resources Director