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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2019 at 6pm

Community Room – Downstairs

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Present: Conry, Bruce, Horton, Agent Mitchell

1. Meeting called to order at 6PM
2. File #181-0077, Request for Amendment for Ashmere Lake Herbicide Treatment. Applicant is the Town of Hinsdale.

Discussion of requested Amendment to Order of Conditions. (See document handouts attached)  
Discussion of changing the second treatment of warm water plant species to after August 1, and removal of Glyphosate as an active ingredient/herbicide to be used for treatment. Discussion about notification of Lake Camps. Members think it is important to notify them of the changes as soon as possible. Bruce recommends letter to camps. Tremblay states that Lake Management will notify the camps about the changes made to the Order of Conditions. Conry wants to make sure that Glyphosate is removed from the list of approved active ingredients.

For the Peru Conservation Commission Frederick motions to Amend the Order of Conditions Special Condition number 21 listing Cold Water Species and Warm Water Species with observed plants and control options with Glyphosate removed as an approved control option. (See attached document "Ashmere Lake – Observed Plants and Control Options) Applicant required to find alternate control active ingredient, and Amend Special Condition number 22: All treatments for all cold water species shall take place prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. With respect to warm water species the treatment period commences on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Tremblay seconds, vote is unanimous.

For Hinsdale Conservation Commission Bruce motions to Amend the Order of Conditions Special conditions number 21 & 22 with the same changes as approved by Peru Conservation Commission, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.

3. Public Input for items not on the Agenda: None
4. Review of Minutes of Meeting 11-19-19: Bruce motions to approve, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.
5. File #181-0264, Notice of Intent for 106 Plunkett Reservoir Road (Map 407, Lot 3) Applicant is the Town of Hinsdale.  
Mitchell states that applicant has requested a continuance to the next scheduled meeting, Horton motions to continue to the next scheduled meeting, Bruce seconds, vote is unanimous.
6. Emergency Permit ratification for 26 Bridge Street: Conry states homeowner removing tree near house in Riverfront Area, Bruce motions to ratify, Horton seconds, vote is unanimous.
7. File #181-0243, Request for Extension for Cleveland Reservoir Diversion Project. Applicant is the City of Pittsfield.  
Mitchell states that the first phase of the project has been completed, and the applicant has requested a one year extension to complete phase 2 in 2020. Horton motions for one year Extension, Bruce seconds, vote is unanimous.

8. Emergency Permit ratification for Stone House Road/George Schnopp Road: Mitchell states that Beaver Dam was blocking flow and flooding roadway. Horton motions to ratify, Bruce seconds, vote is unanimous.

**Old Business:**

9. Update on Enforcement Order issued to the Town of Hinsdale for violation at 134 & 80 Maple Street: Foresight began the wetland delineation, but require excavation of an area previously filled. Members conducted site visit to review and approve.
10. Correspondence: Letter from MACC adopting 2% increase in fiscal year 2021 dues.
11. Adjournment: Horton motions for adjournment, Bruce seconds, vote is unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Sincerely Submitted, Caleb Mitchell, Conservation Agent