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CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Date: May 4, 2017
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: City Hall, Room 204

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NOTE: Items may be called in any order, at the Chair's discretion.

NOTE: The Conservation Commission reserves the right to discuss open wetland cases during the public meeting at which they are due to be heard.

1. DECISIONS – WETLANDS

- a. Discussion with MBTA about cutting trees on Conservation properties (Houghton Garden and Webster Conservation Area) in wetland jurisdiction along the MBTA right-of-way – i.e., becoming a signatory to the impending Notice of Intent
- b. COC requests – none to date.

2. DECISIONS – CONSERVATION AREAS

- a. Discussion with MBTA about cutting trees on Conservation properties (Houghton Garden and Webster Conservation Area) in uplands – i.e., granting permission for work on public land
- b. Discussion with Off Leash Area Working Group (OLAWG) regarding possible use of paved/disturbed portion of Norumbega Conservation Area as an off-leash dog park.

3. DECISIONS -- ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Minutes of 4/13/17 to be approved.

4. DECISIONS -- ISSUES AROUND TOWN -- None to date

5. UPDATES -- WETLANDS -- None to date

6. UPDATES -- CONSERVATION AREAS

- a. Recent fires at Kennard (mostly in Brookline) and Webster – Discuss how procedures for emergency vehicles are documented and shared locally and regionally.

7. UPDATES -- ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Membership on the Conservation Commission
- b. Jennifer Steel given Conservators' Award 5/3/17

8. UPDATES -- ISSUES AROUND TOWN -- None to date

9. TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING -- None to date

10. ADJOURN

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