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TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 7, 2016

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Amato, Hannon, Isner, Quigley and Simpson and Alternate Commissioners Markuszka and Wolf and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

**New Business**

**21 Crosswood Road**

Assistant Planner Rutherford reviewed the open space encroachment. Property owner, Krzysztof Bakowski explained that he inadvertently cut trees that he thought were on his property. He misjudged the rear property line because he could not locate one property pin. The Commissioners reviewed photos. Assistant Planner Rutherford and Bruce Cyr both went to the site and have determined that approximately nine trees were cut. The maximum diameter is twelve inches and the rest are smaller, as small as three to four inches in diameter. The property owner has since installed a fence along the rear property line. Replanting should be done but Assistant Planner Rutherford does not believe the scale of encroachment warrants an arborist's review. The replanting can be done with staff review. After a brief discussion it was recommended that a three year warranty after planting be in place.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hannon/Simpson) it was

VOTED: 6 in favor and 1 opposed (Amato) to direct the property owner of 21 Crosswood Road to work with Town Staff to develop a restoration plan to include native species in the Town open space with the condition that all plantings are required to have a three year warranty.

**Old Business**

**15 Wisteria Lane**

Assistant Planner Rutherford provided an update on the open space violation. Twelve trees will be planted. Stump sprout growth has been aggressive and the arborist recommended letting them grow/re-establish. Certified correspondence had been sent to the property owner and staff will continue to monitor the site.

**Other Business**

**Land Acquisition Committee Report**

No report as the Committee did not meet in August.

**Planner's Report**

No Planner's Report.

**Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Quigley/Simpson) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the July 20, 2016 minutes of the Conservation Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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