

**Weston Conservation Commission
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87408544042>

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Members: Joseph Berman (Chair), Alison Barlow, Cynthia Chapra, Josh Feinblum, Rebecca Loveys, Ellen Freeman Roth, and Rees Tulloss

All Meeting Materials can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/wcc10-27-20meeting

7:30 p.m. Admin. Matters (these matters may happen any time during the evening)

1. Opportunity for Public Comment
2. Land Management Updates
 - a. Forestry Cutting proposed for Ogilvie town forest this winter
 - b. Eagle scout wishes to build boardwalk on WCC trail easement on 455 Concord Road
 - c. Jericho Town Forest Bog-walk proposal
3. Request for conservation old field to be mowed behind 11 Webster Road
4. Request for greater WFTA/WCC collaboration – letter from Kristin Barbieri (WFTA Board Member)
5. Proposed amendments to the Weston Conservation Commission's Land Use Policy and Regulations regarding the walking of dogs at Case Estates, Chestnut Street Parcel, and Wellington Farms conservation areas.
6. Review 10/20/20 Con Com minutes
7. Next Conservation Commission Meeting: November 10, 2020
8. Other Matters

7:32 p.m. Discussion and anticipated Vote: Case Estates Ecological Management Plan

Emily Schadler, Conservation Program Stewardship Coordinator, will present the final draft of the Case Estates Ecological Management Plan (EMP). The Plan was prepared by Mass Audubon and the Weston Conservation Commission. The EMP focuses on 7 short-term goal for the Case Estates: improve the meadows for pollinator habitat; reduce invasive plant infestations to minimize spreading and improve habitat quality; manage field edges to retain the extents of the fields; maintain stone walls for scenic qualities; protect specimen trees and shrubs, including both historic and recent plantings; welcome passive recreational users to the property, including users of all mobility levels; and accomplish the management activities as efficiently and economically as possible. The EMP draft is available at:

www.weston.org/1367/Ecological-Management-Plan.

8:30 p.m. Conservation Field Assessment and Discussion of Goals and anticipated Vote
Michele Grzenda, Conservation Administrator, will present an overview of her assessment of the 26 fields owned and managed by the Conservation Commission. To help with determining Weston field management goals and recommendations, Michele utilized the MCA publication: “Field Management: Mowing Strategies to Maintain Ecologically Valuable Fields” produced by Matt Morris of SVT.

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