

Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Special Meeting

Tuesday February 4, 2020 6:30 PM

Mansfield Town Hall Conference Room A

**Notes -- DRAFT**

**1. Call to order**

The attendees for the special meeting working session gathered at 6:35 PM, convening eventually in Conference Room A instead of B. (Email and Agenda had identified different rooms, with one attendee in each at 6:30; the meeting was moved to A because of where electronic resources had been set up.)

**Roll Call**

Attending: Ken Feathers (secretary), Michael Soares

Not present but on committee roster: Jim Morrow (Chair), Quentin Kessel (Cons. Com. Rep.), Sue Harrington, Julianna Barrett (alt.), Vicky Wetherell, Tom Harrington

**2. Opportunity for Public comment**

No members of the public were present.

**3. Continuing business**

1. *Simpson-Wood Draft Management Plan*

See note under 3

2. *Moss Sanctuary Management Plan*

See note under 3

3. Attendees took, as an example, the Simpson-Wood Draft Management Plan and reviewed how the specific preserve goals related to the Goals, Strategies and Actions listed in the Town's Plan Of Conservation and Development. Discussion centered on identifying elements in the POCD goals and strategies that would be generally applicable to most protected parcels, as appropriate for a 3-7 year horizon for inclusion in the plan, and trying to create inclusive general language. Conceptually the discussion also looked at identifying specific more detailed and parcel specific actions that could be in a supplemental table, for implementing the goals and strategies of the plan, but updated and prioritized by staff and/or the committee on a more frequent basis, without needing to rewrite the management plan itself. One question that arose was what the update cycle frequency for management plans should be, especially considering the effort involved.

**4. Adjournment**

The working session ended at approximately 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Ken Feathers, Secretary