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RE: 0 Pleasant Street Map 60 Parcel 77

Dear Neighbor:

You are a neighbor to a property owned by the Town of Canton, 0 Pleasant Street, Map 60 Parcel 77. This property is 15 acres of forested wetland, taken over by the town for unpaid real estate taxes in 2011. On the 2022 Town Meeting Warrant is an Article (#29) in which the town has the opportunity to vote to designate these 15 acres as official conservation land. This is being proposed as next door to 0 Pleasant Street is the 27-acre parcel at 0 Rear Wampatuck known as “Wampatuck Conservation Area”. 0 Rear Wampatuck is already managed for the town by the Canton Conservation Commission. These two parcels formerly known as “Gill Swamp” contain fragile wetlands that are protected under the Wetland Protection Act and Town of Canton Wetlands Bylaw. Under these laws it is illegal to fill or alter them so they will always remain in their natural state. Adding the 15 acres to the 27-acre property would increase the size of Wampatuck Conservation Area to 42 acres total.

All Canton Conservation Commission managed properties are set aside for the public, for current and future generations. These forested lands provide clean drinking water, clean the air, provide flood and climate change mitigation, and habitat for wildlife. The Commission has a set of rules and regulations that govern the use of their properties, and these are enclosed for your information. Changes to the rules for use of conservation land can only be made through an advertised public hearing at a Conservation Commission meeting. In addition, the Commission is working on developing management plans for properties under their management. Management activities might include removal of non-native species, trail maintenance, litter removal, and similar activities.

Should you have any questions regarding this warrant article, please contact me at the Conservation Office at 781-821-5035 or rmilani@town.canton.ma.us. Thank you in advance for your support and for helping to steward our public lands for the benefit of all residents of Canton.

For the Canton Conservation Commission,

Regen Milani
Conservation Agent

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Rules for Use of Canton Conservation Land January 13, 2021

The Canton Conservation Commission owns and manages several hundred acres of conservation land. The Conservation Commission Act (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8C) describes how that land can be managed. As conservation land, by law, only passive recreation activities are permitted to take place. Passive recreation includes hiking, walking, road biking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowshoeing, canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, animal tracking, nature study, photography, camping, and picnicking. Most land is specifically protected for natural resource protection, wildlife habitat preservation, and passive recreation.

1. Hours of use are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
2. All dogs must be on a leash in accordance with Canton's Leash Law. Violators are subject to fines.
3. Cars, trucks, ATVs, ORVs and other motorized vehicles or tools are not permitted except for authorized Town of Canton staff.
4. Hunting, fishing, and trapping are prohibited.
5. On lands with water access, canoes, kayaks, and rowboats are welcome. The launching or docking of motorized boats is prohibited.
6. No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile or ill-use any structure, fence, sign or have possession of any part thereof.
7. Trees, bushes, flowers, and plants shall not be cut or removed. No trails shall be cut nor marked, nor any structure constructed, without prior permission from the Canton Conservation Commission. Mining and metal detectors are prohibited.
8. Structures such as a lean-to, bridge, or tower, shall not be constructed without prior permission. All structures found will be promptly removed and violators subject to penalties.
9. No person shall have in his or her possession or drink any intoxicating liquor, beverage, or substance and there is no smoking allowed on Conservation Lands.
10. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale or give away any goods, wares or circulars without prior permission from the Canton Conservation Commission and a permit from the Board of Selectmen.
11. Use "Leave No Trace" principals. Trash shall not be left by any visitor on Conservation lands. The dumping or leaving of litter is prohibited. The dumping of grass clippings, leaves, and brush is prohibited. Glass containers are prohibited.
12. Open fires are prohibited. On lands where grills are provided, grill fires must be extinguished before users leave the grounds.

Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints. Enjoy!