

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
February 5, 2018**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is as follows:

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman	Present
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Absent
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:12 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

MINUTES

Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the minutes of 12/18/17. Vice Chairman Kellogg seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Randy Miron, Bohler Engineering
Mr. Keith King, Property Owner

7:17 **NOI 662 College Highway DEP #292-0349** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing from December 18, 2017. Mr. Miron presented a revised plan depicting the building and parking closer to the highway which would allow for a 17 foot buffer area to wetlands at the rear of the property. The sub surface drainage was also addressed. Roof run off drainage will be separate from the parking lot run off. As of this meeting, there had been no additional comments from DEP. However, Mr. Miron has scheduled meetings with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board for their respective approvals. The Conservation Commission members agreed that the revised plan was beneficial to all parties and will issue a letter of support to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve a request for continuation. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque Associates
Mr. David Wilcox, Property Owner

7:24 NOI 8 Charles Johnson Road DEP #292-0350 Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing from December 18, 2017. Mr. Goddard related changes in the plan which included a 12 inch ductile pipe replacing the clay pipe with one foot of coverage on the driveway that has a ½ to 1 inch pitch throughout its entire length. There will only be 50 square feet of wetland disturbance. Approximately 32 plants will be installed in the replication area.

Vice Chairman made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the project with a \$10,000.00 bond requirement. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kerry Granfield

7:32 RDA 150 Berkshire Avenue Chairman Pratt opened the hearing as posted in the Westfield News on 01/24/18. Mr. Granfield, representing Ronald Chechite, the property owner presented the proposal of removing three trees, approximately 75 feet from the lake, from the property. The roots will remain. Each tree is 55 to 60 feet tall, and one is leaning toward the lake. There are other oak trees on the property which will remain. Mr. Granfield will mark each of the three trees prior to removal. Commissioner Pranka made a motion for a negative determination for the cutting of 3 trees. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dean Gustafson, Senior Soil Specialist

7:40 RDA 13 Liberty Lane Chairman Pratt opened the hearing as posted in the Westfield News on 01/24/18. Mr. Gustafson presented a plan showing only one small isolated vegetated wetland area 367 feet from the work site. There will be a 12 foot wide gravel drive to access the tower which will be surrounded by an 8 foot chain link fence, and a backup generator with a 500 gallon propane tank. The total area is 31 acres, the tower will have an overall height of 124 feet with construction beginning in the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2018. The project will still need to be heard by the Planning Board for final approval. Commissioner Pranka made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Vice Chairman Kellogg seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

DEP #292-0295 Mr. Richard Grannells, Chairman LMC, requested an extension on the Order of Conditions for the Canal Brook Maintenance until 02/17/20. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DEP #292-0296 Mr. Brown, DPW Director, requested an extension on the Order of Conditions for All Public Rights of Ways Townwide. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve the extension until 04/06/20. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

MACC Annual Conference Commissioner Pranka made a motion to issue a purchase order for the MACC Annual Conference on March 3, 2018. The purchase order will be issued for each participant at \$125.00 each for a total of \$750.00. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

642 College Highway Coordinator Clark reported that Tree 413 was officially out of business, but may be moving to a new location in Southwick.

Richard Mamuszka Mr. Mamuszka, 23 White Street, was reported to still have his dock in the water after "ice-out" date. A certified letter will be issued to Mr. Mamuszka notifying him that the dock must be removed and payment must be made for the 2017 and 2018 Lake Permitting Program.

Annual Town Report The Conservation Commission members approved the draft copy of the Annual Town Report.

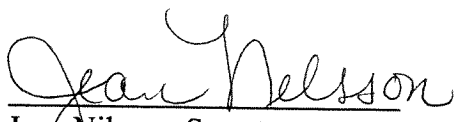
Recreational Trails Program Coordinator Clark related a letter issued from the Select Board to Amanda Lewis, Recreational Trails Program stating that the Town of Southwick authorized the Appalachian Mountain Club to pursue the improvements in ADA accessibility to the parking area and the bridge. Commissioner Drenen made a motion to have the Conservation Commission issue a letter of support. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. John Westcott
Mr. Westcott attended the meeting to inform the Conservation Commission of a possible donation for the Swamp Trail. The approximate cost to repair the bridge and associated site improvements would be \$20,000.00. Mr. Westcott requested that the donation be accepted by the Conservation Commission, deposited in a gift account, then supplies purchased through the Town via purchase orders. Chairman Pratt made a motion to have a gift account titled "Swamp Trail" set up as a gift account once the donation is submitted. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

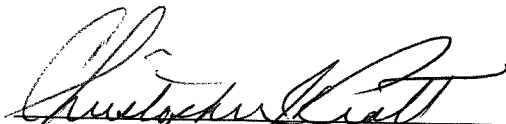
Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

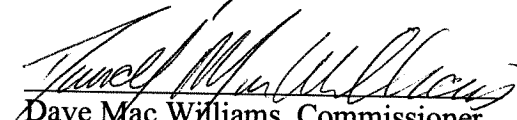
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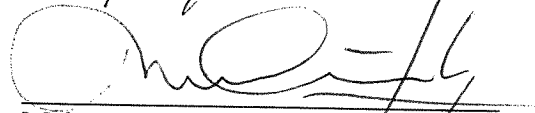

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

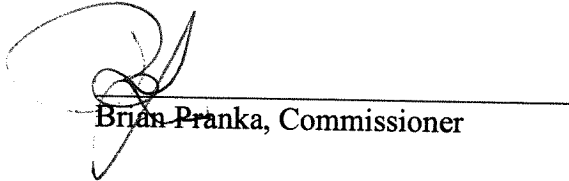
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3/5/18
Date