

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
October 15, 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	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Absent
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Chairman Christopher Pratt, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the minutes of October 1, 2018. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Richard Grannells, DPW

Mr. Kenneth Wagner, Water Resource Services, Inc.

7:23 NOI Congamond Lakes Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the public hearing. Mr. Wagner explained how the treatment of aluminum will help in preventing cyanobacteria blooms. The dosage will be administered in accordance with the size and depth of the each lake. Several years of research provided the data needed to make the treatment effective and lasting. The major factor influencing blooms is internal phosphorus loading from surficial bottom sediments. Treatment with aluminum is a preventative management that addresses the cause of algae blooms rather than treat the blooms themselves. It is recommended to treat below a water depth of 16.5 feet and is estimated at a cost of \$750,000.00 to \$850,000.00. Mr. Grannells stated that the Town is researching funding for the entire cost. There are only two companies in Massachusetts that do this type of treatment.

Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the vote was unanimous. Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the project as presented. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Gary Roderick, Property Owner

7:38 NOI 14 Iroquois Drive Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the public hearing. Members of the Conservation Commission and Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit at the location and a neighboring property that had similar work done. As a result of the site visit, the plan was revised to change the rip rap to 10 – 18 inch native stone. The erosion control also changed to silt fencing and hay bales. Some of the debris along the shore line will also be removed. Chairman Pratt made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the revised project with a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP # 292-0348 Lodestar Energy submitted a request for a Certificate of Compliance for the Goose Pond solar project. Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and found the project to be in accordance with the Order of Conditions. However, Coordinator Clark did recommend that the silt fence remain in place. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and have the silt fence remain. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP # 292-0329 Mr. Mark Sposato requested a Certificate of Compliance for 40 Beach Road. The project was to construct a vinyl sea wall within the buffer zone of Lake Congamond. Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and found the project completed in accordance with the submitted plan. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Request for an extension DEP # 292-0297 The Southwick DPW Department requested an extension for the Orders of Condition at the Hudson Drive location. Coordinator Clark stated that the slip line still needs to be completed. Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve the extension for a period of three years expiring 01/11/21. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque

34 Granville Road Lot #B Mr. Goddard requested an informal discussion concerning a revision of the NOI DEP # 292-0356. There is a common driveway with a covenant restriction for the owners of each dwelling constructed. The modification will included a slight increase in the amount of buffer being disturbed. The Conservation Commission reserved voicing an opinion until after a review by the Planning Board due to the increase in storm water being directed onto Granville Road.

Sofinowski Land Preserve Coordinator Clark was contacted by Mr. Stinehart concerning horses on the hay field. Signs have been posted stating that horses must remain around the perimeter of the field. There is a distinct dirt path within the hay field. The Conservation Commission members agreed that a field camera could be purchased and installed to determine the owners of the horses, and then a fine could be implemented.

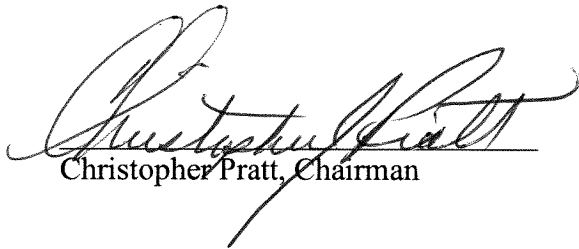
Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

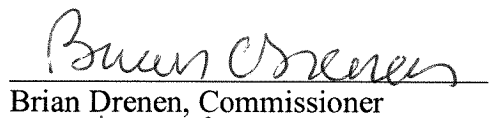
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Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner



Brian Drenen, Commissioner

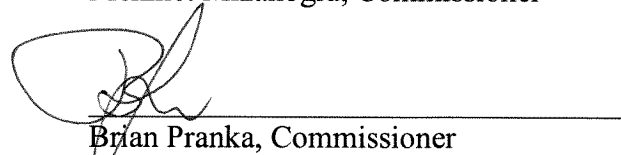


Jerry Patria, Commissioner

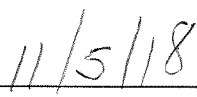
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Brian Pranka, Commissioner



Date