

**MINUTES**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**LAND USE MEETING ROOM**  
**December 3, 2018**

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

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

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7:00 Commissioner MacWilliams, acting as Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2018. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque Associates, requested that the discussion of 34 Granville Road DEP # 292-0356 for a potential minor modification be continued until the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Salvatore & Valerie Robustelli, Property Owners

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Derek Lajeunesse, Western New England Hardscapes

**7: 15 NOI 18 Brayton Drive** Commissioner MacWilliams opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on 11/26/18. Mr. Goddard explained that there is extensive erosion from boat wakes on the shore line of the property, even though it is posted as a no wake zone. There is an existing stone buffer to the water, but it is not sufficient to control the erosion. The submitted plan is to install larger stone near the water to break down the waves, then smaller stone will be installed beyond the existing stone. A white birch tree will need to be removed, but will be replaced with a lower growing plant such as a river birch. Western New England Hardscapes have constructed a similar configuration at another location that is very successful. The entire project may have to be done in phases due to the extensive cost. Erosion will be controlled with a silt fence, and/or another approved means as proposed at the time of construction.

Mr. Roger Cataldo, 4 Field Street, attended the meeting to voice his support of the project.

As there were no other public comments, Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the proposal as proposed in phases, with erosion control, and a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION/REVIEW**

**11 Second Street - Samsell** Coordinator Clark composed a letter to Mr. Samsell replying to a letter dated 11/5/18. Coordinator Clark explained the project inclusive of a swale that was established to receive storm water that must remain unobstructed for functionality. The letter also noted that the final grading for the project will not be completed until spring. Commissioner Patria, a neighbor, will talk with the property owner about installing reflectors to prevent the swale from damage by snow plows.

**Lake Issues** Coordinator Clark noted that many of the docks in the Congamond Lakes have been removed from the water over the weekend of December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are at least two docks in Southwick and two in Suffield that remain in the water. Chief Bishop, acting as Harbor Master, agreed to issue a letter notifying the property owners of the ice out date and of potential fines if the docks are not removed. There have been issues in the past where docks have come loose during the spring and have been a hazard. As the MOU with Suffield is not official, a separate letter will go to the property owners of the Suffield docks.

**Nicholson Hill Road Order of Conditions** Coordinator Clark received a request from Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director, to review the Order of Conditions for the Nicholson Hill Road project, which has not been completed. The Order of Conditions from 2011 have been extended until 2021. At this time, the Conservation Commission needs a time frame for the wetland replication on both sides of Nicholson Hill / Mort Vining Road.

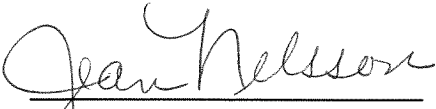
**Rising Corner / Kestrell Land Trust** Coordinator Clark stated that the AMC needs to be contacted concerning grant funding and scheduling of events. Motorized vehicles, which are prohibited, have been observed on the property. If approved, the Conservation Commission will create a sign for the vehicles.

**Kudlic Brothers** Mr. Goddard stated that a deed restriction on the property still have not been finalized as of this meeting.

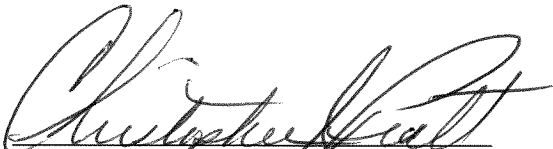
**Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting** A recording of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was discussed as there had been mention relative to the Conservation Commission decision for 74 College Highway. Some of the comments made by the Board of Appeals members, and their interpretation of the Conservation Commission actions was not accurate.

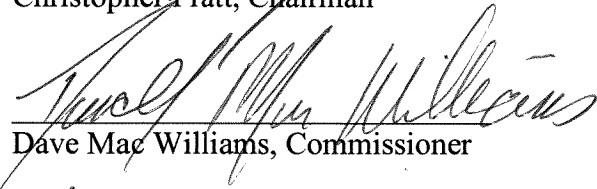
Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

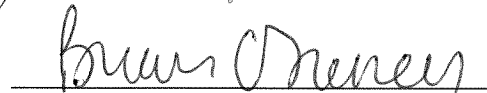
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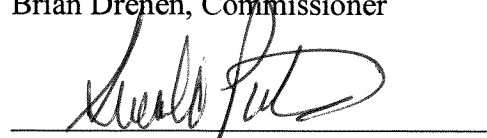
  
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Jean Nilsson, Secretary  
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Select Board  
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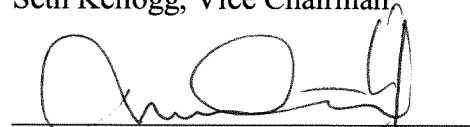
  
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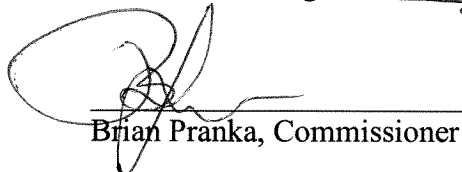
  
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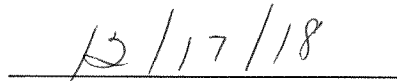
  
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