

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
March 18, 2019

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	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Vice Chairman Kellogg opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the minutes of March 4, 2019. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI 13 North Pond Road DEP #292-0363 Mr. Levesque requested an extension until May 6, 2019. The applicant and R. Levesque Associates are currently revising the plans. The Conservation Commission granted the extension.

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Ms. Andrea Scully, Property Owner

7:15 NOI 26 Castle Street DEP #292-0364 Vice Chairman Kellogg opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on March 5, 2019. Mr. Levesque presented a proposal for the construction of a retaining wall within the buffer zone to the bank of North Pond. The property has a very steep grade to the lake and the shoreline has been eroding for a period of time. Mr. Levesque proposed vinyl pilings along the shoreline with a retaining wall of large block rocks approximately three feet from the waters edge. Drainage will be included behind the wall for water runoff. During construction silt fencing with hay bales will be installed, however once the vinyl pilings are installed, no debris from the associated construction of the retaining wall and steps will be needed. The machinery to access the property will be through an easement along Ms. Scully's property boundary. There will be some disturbance, but a sufficient amount of compensatory storage will be more than the amount of disturbed area. The construction may be done in phases within the next three years. As there were no questions or comments, Commissioner Pranka made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the project as presented with a provision that the property owner inform the Conservation Commission of the progress being made at the various stages of construction and a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Paul Murphy, 80 Point Grove Road, attended the meeting to discuss the dock placement at 84 Point Grove Road. Mr. Panella, owner of 84 Point Grove Road, submitted an LPP application for 2019. Due to limited lakefront, Mr. Panella submitted a design that is partially on the property at 86 Point Grove Road with permission from the owner. The Lake Management Committee (LMC) reviewed the application and has issued recommendations for revisions. A letter will be issued to Mr. Panella which will include the decision of the LMC members. Mr. Murphy stated that any dock Mr. Panella wanted to install will encroach on his property. The Conservation Commission will review Mr. Panella's application once all the pertinent data including a variance request is issued to the Commission from LMC.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Mr. Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates
Enforcement Order 61 & 63 College Highway Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the silt fence and hay bales that were installed just prior to the meeting. There is evidence of water flowing along the southern side of College Highway which has a possibility of undermining the pavement. Mr. Levesque is in the process of working with the property owner on a storm water plan. The Commissioners agreed to meet with Mr. Levesque and the property owners to assess the existing drainage issues and plans for stopping the runoff from continued erosion and depositing material in the brook across College Highway. Mr. Levesque will schedule a date and time when he, the property owner, and the Commissioners are available.

North Pond Jet Ski The legal ad for Warrant Article prohibiting "personal water craft" from North Pond was posted in the Westfield News on March 8, 2019.

Violation Fee Account Coordinator Clark stated that the account would have to be approved at a Town Meeting.

142 Berkshire Avenue Coordinator Clark contacted Mr. Scuderi concerning the issuance of the ice out violation. Mr. Scuderi, property owner, had not picked up the certified mailing and had assumed the letter was for the docks at Crabby Joe's. Mr. Scuderi contacted Chief/Harbormaster Bishop who stated that cones and barrels needed to be placed at the end of the docks. Coordinator Clark informed Mr. Scuderi and Chief/Harbormaster that the violation was for 142 Berkshire Avenue. The docks at Crabby Joe's are Chapter 91 licensed and not permitted through the local program. The Conservation Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Scuderi until April 1st to remove the docks. Pictures did show that there was open water around the dock, and should be free of ice within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for April 1, 2019


Respectfully submitted,



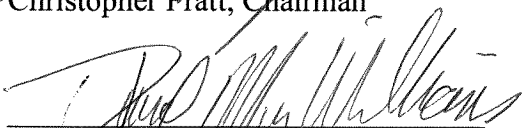
Jean Nilsson, Secretary

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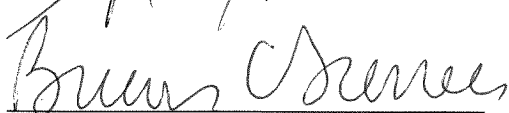
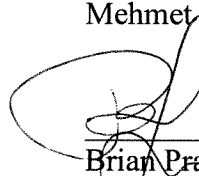
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4/1/19

Date