

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
June 3, 2019

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	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the minutes of May 20, 2019. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

RDA Appalachian Mountain Club Ms. Bridget Likely explained that the project which began in 2018 is being updated for ADA access to the back part of the board walk and to grade part of the parking area with packed gravel. Some of the work will be in the buffer zone with hay bales to prevent erosion. The far end of the board walk will need to be expanded to allow ADA visitors to turn around. Signs will be installed prohibiting unauthorized motorized vehicles. Commissioner Patria made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Laura Krause, Beta Group Inc.
Mr. Danny Rebello, Beta Group Inc.

NOI 19 Powder Mill Road # 292-0370 Ms. Krause explained that the property is part of the Southview Condominium and wished to connect the dwelling to the sewer system that services the other condominium units. Commissioner Pranka disclosed that he did the Title 5 inspection on the existing septic system and it was in failure even though the property has been vacant for some time. There is high ground water and the septic tank was cracked. Ms. Krause presented a plan for an open cut across a portion of wetlands for the connection. Commissioner Pranka suggested a replacement septic system as the soils are sandy and can accommodate a replacement system. It was also suggested that the hole for the connection pipe be done by using a boring instead of an open cut. Mr. Rebello stated that the boring would be around ten times more expensive. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Rebello provide proof of the cost for boring with estimates. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a site visit once the area for the installation is flagged. Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve continuing the Public Hearing until June 17th. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

NOI 13 North Pond DEP # 292-0363 Chairman Pratt accepted a letter for a request of continuance from Sofia Bitzas, R. Levesque Associates, Inc. The Public Hearing will be continued until June 17th.

112 Sunnyside Road DEP# 292-0366 – Chairman Pratt accepted a letter for a request of continuance from Sofia Bitzas, R. Levesque Associates, Inc. The Public Hearing will be continued until June 17th. Coordinator Clark presented photos showing the installation of a silt fence going through the wetland area and will contact Mr. Levesque for their removal and replacement in the correct area.

The Greens East # DEP 292-0369 Chairman Pratt accepted a letter for a request of continuance from Sofia Bitzas, R. Levesque Associates, Inc. The Public Hearing will be continued until June 17th.

Commissioner Drenen excused himself from the meeting at 7:30.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

61 & 63 College Highway Coordinator Clark related that the owner did not receive approval for a driveway from the State as of this meeting. Coordinator Clark was also informed that the Building Inspector has allowed the roof to be installed, however, there is still a cease and desist order on the property.

DEP # 292-0342 Coordinator Clark presented a Request for Certificate of Compliance for the project. The driveway runs through a small portion Riverfront area that is in that is now stabilized. Chairman Pratt made a motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. Commissioner Drenen abstained. The motion passed by a majority of the Commissioners.


12 Island Pond Road The Conservation Commission received a complaint letter from The Congamond Heights Association, Inc. concerning 12 Island Pond Road. The owner has placed his dock on the property line owned by the Association making it difficult for the Association members to navigate. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a site visit from the water on June 11th at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Patria volunteered to provide the transportation.

Sofinowski Preserve Coordinator Clark presented photos of the landscaping around the welcome sign and kiosk. The Commissioners agreed that the project was completed in accordance with their expectations.

84 Point Grove Road Coordinator Clark related information concerning work done at the location in a jurisdictional area without permits. A certified letter will be issued to Mr. Panella stating he has 14 days to file the appropriate paperwork for the work already completed. Mr. Paul Murphy attended the meeting to once again express his concerns relative to the dock placement at the location. Commissioner Pranka stated that instead of yet another discussion on the issue, the Commissioners will conduct a water site visit on the same day as the review of the Congamond Heights Association complaint.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for June 17, 2019

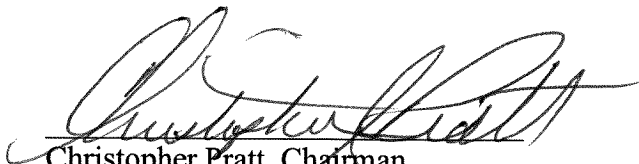
Respectfully submitted,




Jean Nilsson, Secretary

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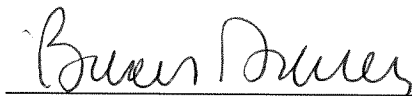
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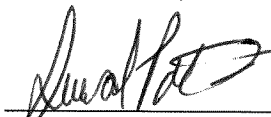
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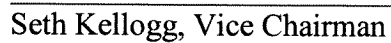
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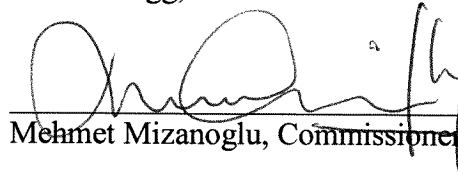
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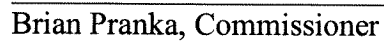
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Date

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