

**MINUTES**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**LAND USE MEETING ROOM**  
**November 4, 2019**

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

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

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7:00 Chairman Pratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2019. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Eddy and Mrs. Karen Taravella, Property Owners  
Andrew Keenen / Top's Tree Service

**RDA 1 Two States Avenue** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the public hearing. The property owners submitted a revised plan showing the deck and the proposed trees to be cut outside of the 50 foot buffer zone. Pictures of the trees to be cut showed them clearly being marked, however the property owners did request that trees near the lake have an allowance for vista pruning. The deck will be installed with minimum disturbance but may require some minor leveling. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a negative determination for the revised plan. The Commission expressed appreciation for the property owners working with the Commission for conservation of the trees near the lake. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Les Mannes & Ms. Dana Cochrane, Property Owners  
Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

**NOI 13 North Pond DEP #292-0363** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the public hearing. The Conservation Commission had previously requested that the property owners attend the meeting to clarify specific conditions relative to the project. An email from Mr. Grannells was reviewed with stipulations inclusive of storm water control, infiltrators, erosion control, a vinyl sea wall, and a sequence of events. The owners are well aware of the difficulties relative to construction on a steep slope and will work with requirements as mandated by the Conservation Commission. All parties agreed that excavation should not begin until the weather allows in the spring. Commissioner Pranka made a motion for a continuation so the Commissioners can review all the latest data including an enhanced erosion control plan with

sheathing as discussed from R. Levesque Associates, Inc. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

**RDA Lot #8 – 16 Sawgrass Lane RDA** Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on 10/25/19. Mr. Nelson presented a plan showing the dwelling and associated wetlands in the back part of the land with an intermittent stream. The proposed dwelling is outside of the 100-foot buffer zone, with only the grading within the buffer area. The rear of the property was previously part of a green on the golf course and maintained accordingly. There are two groupings of trees that will not be disturbed. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination on the project as presented. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

## ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Mike Jacquier, Property Owner

**68 Will Palmer Road – Enforcement Order** Mr. Nelson presented a plan showing a stabilization plan of the bank which will evolve naturally with the inclusion of native plantings. The spoil piles will be removed and already cut logs will be placed within the bank for wildlife. Some of the work will begin once the ground freezes, then native plantings will be installed in the spring. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to approve the restoration following the submitted time line beginning after the first freeze, and completed by June 1, 2020. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Norman Cheever, LMC** Mr. Cheever attended the meeting as part of an exchange of information between the Conservation Commission and the Lake Management Committee. As both Committees have joint responsibilities, Mr. Cheever will act as a liaison to better improve communications and hopefully resolve issues in a more expedient manner. The Conservation Commission members welcomed Mr. Cheever and look forward to working with the Lake Management Committee through him.

## DISCUSSION/REVIEW/ACTION ITEMS

**16 Sheep Pasture Road DEP# 292-0353** Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the plantings and stone markers. It appeared that the construction is in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Chairman Pratt made a motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance and request the bond release from the Town Clerk's office. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

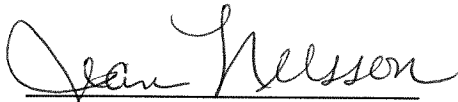
**Granville Gorge** Coordinator Clark submitted a purchase order request first on September 18<sup>th</sup>, and a second request on November 9<sup>th</sup> to secure funding from a gift account to renovate the parking area at the Granville Gorge. The grading needs to be done for a safety and drainage issue. The Accounting Department replied that they were researching if the requested funds can be used. As grading the parking area can only be done when the weather permits, the gate to the parking area will be locked starting December 1st. A sign will be installed stating that the parking area will be closed for the season. The Committee members agreed that it could be reopened in April provided the parking area has been repaired.

**61 & 63 College Highway – Enforcement Order** Coordinator Clark stated that the Storm Water management Plan was approved by the Planning Board. It is unclear at this time as to the state of implementation as there is no paperwork available from the Town addressing this Storm Water

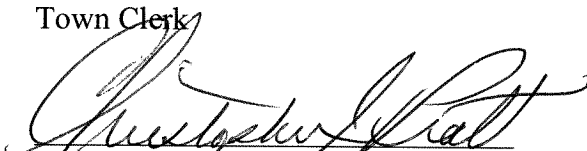
Enforcement or Cease and Desist Order from the Building Department. There appears to be work being done even though there is a verbal cease and desist order from the Building Department. Coordinator Clark will request permission to contact Town Counsel to determine who will be the enforcement agent in this case.

**The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 18, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jean Nilsson, Secretary  
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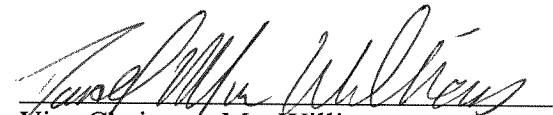
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11/18/19  
Date