

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
August 19, 2019

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

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

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

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of August 5, 2019 with revisions. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Andrew Ouimet, Property Owner

7:10 RDA 287 Feeding Hills Road Vice Chairman MacWilliams opened the public hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Westfield News on August 8, 2019. Mr. Ouimet explained the proposal for the removal of brush and small trees near a wetland resource area to establish a clear line of site. Mr. Ouimet also presented pictures from his driveway showing the limited site line for traffic on Feeding Hills Road. Removing the brush and small trees would also help the traffic on Feeding Hills Road have a better site line. The Conservation Commission did state that the brush and trees cannot be ground and re-deposited within the wetland resource area, it must be removed from the location. Coordinator Clark stated that the RDA will be filed with DEP and that there is a 10 day waiting period for any comments they may have. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

7: 30 NOI 13 North Pond DEP # 292-0363 Vice Chairman MacWilliams noted the letter issued for a continuation of the public hearing from R. Levesque & Associates until the next scheduled meeting. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion for a continuation of the public hearing until September 16, 2019. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW/ACTION ITEMS

3 Hidden Place DEP # 292-0139 Coordinator Clark received a request for a Certificate of Compliance. The property was formerly known as Lot #10. Coordinator Clark stated that all the lots in the subdivision filed for an NOI though most did not have wetland issues. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

642 College Highway DEP # 292-77 Coordinator Clark received a request for a Certificate of Compliance. The original filing is over 30 years old. Coordinator Clark conducted a site inspection on 8/19/19. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davin Thomas, Ms. Sabrina Pooler, Ms. Cairre Pooler, Ms. Pamela Foster, Ms. Beth Thomas **Congamond South Pond Association** Mr. Thomas presented a five year plan and pictures of progress made at the beach location. The installation of infiltrators has reduced the drainage issue at the association beach. A neighboring property may still have issues with low areas causing puddles on his property until such time as it can be landscaped. The DPW delivered 18 yards of top soil which was distributed and seeded. The five year plan included maintenance, plantings, bringing in clean sand as needed, tree pruning, and raking out lake weeds. The Commissioners applauded the progress with landscaping and would like to see all lake association property owners' present similar plans. Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve the plan. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project Coordinator Clark asked Vice Chairman MacWilliams to contact the Eagle Scouts to gauge their interest in potential projects on the North Pond Land Preserve. Some of the needs include taking down the "no trespassing" signs, identifying and marking trails, and/or removing wooded debris near the shore using the Town barge.

159 Berkshire Avenue Coordinator Clark and Chairman Pratt conducted a site visit to the site. There are problems with drainage. The property owner was notified to stabilize the area by seeding and maintaining it.

131 North Lake Avenue Mr. Delcamp, property owner, is requesting a variance to keep his dock in the water year round. Coordinator Clark will attend the Lake Management Committee meeting on 8/22/19.

84 Point Grove Road Mr. Paul Murphy issued a letter to DEP concerning the dock and vessel blocking his access. DEP issued a letter on August 16th relating the basis for the complaint by Mr. Murphy that requested an investigation of the situation. A letter will be issued to the property owner of 84 Point Grove Road stating that the dock must come into compliance with the Local Permitting Program.

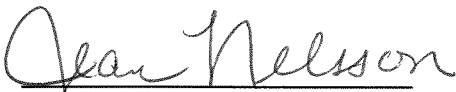
158 Berkshire Avenue As of this meeting there has been no response from the property owner relative to the mooring and vessel. A certified letter was issued requesting compliance with LPP or a fine may be issued.

250th Anniversary The Commissioners discussed the possibility of including a float for the celebration.

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to elect Commissioner MacWilliams as Vice Chairman to replace Vice Chairman Kellogg who resigned at the last meeting. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

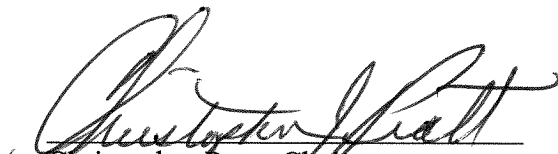
The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for September 16, 2019

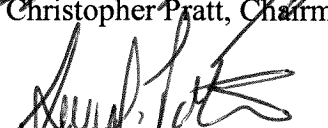
Respectfully submitted,



Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk



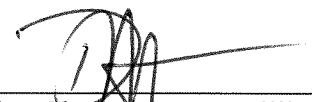
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Date

10/7/19



Vice Chairman MacWilliams


Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner


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