

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
October 7, 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	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
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 MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of August 19. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Eddy & Mrs. Karen Taravella, Property Owner

7:15 RDA 1 Two States Avenue Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Westfield News on September 26, 2019. Coordinator Clark and Chairman Pratt did walk the property and noted that there were many trees marked with an X within the 50-foot buffer area. The map included with the application clearly indicated that some of the trees with the X were not going to be cut. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a site visit and requested that the applicant put a ribbon around the trees to be cut instead of an X and staking the location of the structures. A fire pit and deck are shown to be located within 25 feet of the lake shore. The map submitted did not include any topographical nor size dimensions. The Commissioners agreed that moving the structures further to the rear of the property would negate some of the issues. Comments from the neighbors included Daniel Halpin, 33 Grove Street, was concerned with flooding, and Scott Hoffman, 34 Grove Street, was concerning with an area of rocks that was to be used for drainage. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve a continuance of the hearing until the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mike and Mrs. Debbie Massarelli, Property Owners
Attorney Bradford Martin

7:42 RDA 92 Davis Road Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad posted in the Westfield News on September 26, 2019. It was noted that the applicant did not attend the meeting, did not sign the Request for Determination, and did not notify the Massarelli's, the property owners, as required. The application was for improvements on a right of way to access a parcel for a residential dwelling. The proposal was for approximately 700 feet with a brook

crossing. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to withdraw the application as it was not properly filed. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. The vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

NOI 13 North Pond DEP #292-0363 A request for a continuation was issued for this hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the continuation until the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Jim Crowley and Scout Jameson Cowley

Boy Scout Project Scout Jameson Crowley presented a plan for a project on North Pond. There are several changes that need to be made since the Town purchase the land. Scout Crowley submitted a plan that includes removal of no trespassing signs, blazing trails, removing debris from trails and shore line, and removal of old docks. Large wooden structures can be removed through the North Pond culvert to the Town boat launch. The start date is proposed for November 4th with the Conservation Commission members supervising, and an approval from Fish & Wildlife. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 24th at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the proposed project. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW/ACTION ITEMS

North Pond Sign Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve a quotation from Ready2Run for the sign at North Pond in the amount of \$1,117.33. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

15 Jered Lane DEP #454-120 Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the certificate of Compliance for 15 Jered Lane. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

6 Hidden Place DEP #292-0316 Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to approve the certificate of Compliance for 6 Hidden Place. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Granville & Fred Jackson Road DEP #292-0362 Coordinator Clark conducted a site inspection and noted that the culvert was not constructed in accordance with the submitted plan. The original stainless-steel arch was changed to cast concrete and did not include the 2:1 slopes as required in Stream Crossing Standards. The Commissioners agreed that either the original 2:1 design should be installed, or the culvert should be lined with large enough stones to provide passage replicating the stream bed before a Certificate of Compliance is issued.

68 Will Palmer Road Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to ratify the Enforcement Order for 68 Will Palmer Road. The property owner had used machinery to clear a large section of wetland for ATV trails. Coordinator Clark contacted Mr. Jacquier, property owner, who claimed that he was not aware of the requirement for permits to work in a wetland, but will take whatever measures necessary to restore the area consisting of 2,000 to 3,000 square feet. Commissioner Patria

made a motion to ratify the Enforcement Order which included a cease and desist order. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

131 North Lake Avenue The Conservation Commission received a request from the property owner for a variance of yearly removal of dock. The conditions meet all three criteria for approval. However, the property owner will be required to put cones and illumination at the end of the dock.

158 Berkshire Avenue The property owner did not pick up the certified letter of the LPP violation. Coordinator Clark was advised of a mooring and boats at the location. However, Chairman Pratt said that there were two boats, but they were on shore. As of this meeting, there has been no payment relative to LPP from the property owner. The issue was tabled until confirmation of what is actually at the location.

DEP# 292-0343 120 Congamond Road Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to ratify the Enforcement Order. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

141 Congamond Road The Conservation Commission created a letter to the current property owner stating that the docks must be removed. The docks are not permitted by LPP or Chapter 91.

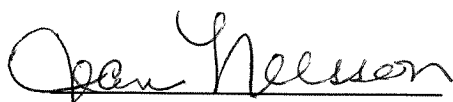
107 South Loomis Street Coordinator Clark stated that there were still some minor issues as far as Conservation Commission jurisdictional areas, but as the report from the Commissions' Consultant stated the violation areas are now in substantial compliance. However, it appears that there could be concerns relative to the Board of Health and the Building Department.

Maryssa Cook-Obregon The Conservation Commission will welcome their new member at the next scheduled meeting on October 21st. Maryssa was chosen by the Select Board among some very qualified candidates.

Alum Treatment Funding The Conservation Commission will compose a letter to Kathleen Theoharides, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, in support of obtaining funding for the alum treatment.


The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for October 21, 2019


Respectfully submitted,


Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

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Christopher Pratt, Chairman



Jerry Patria, Commissioner


Brian Drenen, Commissioner


Maryssa Cook-Obregon


Vice Chairman MacWilliams


Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner


Brian Pranka, Commissioner

10/21/19
Date