

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
May 4, 2020

OPENING: The remote Zoom meeting is being held in pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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

Also in attendance:

Doug Moulin– Vice Chairman and Joseph Deedy, Clerk Select Board
Norman Cheever – Lake Management Committee

Chairman Pratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced the Commission's name, time and date of the meeting and that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES

Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of 04/06/2020. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote is as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Brian Drenen	yes
Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

7 & 9 Lakeview Street & 90 Point Grove Road NOI DEP# 292-0371 Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson presented a revised plan addressing all the comments from Randy Brown, DPW. It was agreed that there will be another plan submitted when the dwelling on parcel 80 is ready for construction. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a

motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes		

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions as revised with a \$10,000.00 bond. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes		

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Baseline Report of The Greens Mr. Nelson stated that he was awaiting all comments from Conservation Commissioners to complete the report.

Certificate of Compliance DEP# 292-065 13 Ridgeview Terrace Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit at the location and did not find any outstanding issues relative to the Order of Conditions. Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes		

Electronic Signatures Coordinator Clark presented a document that would allow for use of electronic signatures and the Coordinator's signature only on documents issued under the wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c.131, §40 and the Southwick Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 182 & 450. The signature of Coordinator Clark will only be valid once the members of the Conservation Commission vote to approve the document. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Vote. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes	Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes		

LPP Extension A letter was submitted to the Select Board requesting that the due date for submitting payment for the Local Permitting Program (LPP) be extended until July 1, 2020. The extension is due to the Coronavirus 19 shutdown. The Select Board unanimously voted to approve the extension at their meeting on 4/28/2020.

Social Distancing Signage Coordinator Clark worked with Tammy Spencer, Health Director, who laminated signs for public areas such as the boat launches, North Pond, Rising Corner and the Sofinowski property. Ms. Spencer did agree that the Granville Gorge could be open to the public. Coordinator Clark and some volunteers did clean the parking area of trash and debris and is working with a contractor to renovate the parking area.

Open Space Online Mapping Coordinator Clark and Chairman Pratt are working on a mapping system where the public may access information on recreational and open space within the Town. Individuals will be able to click on site on the Town homepage and be directed to photos and information relative to hours of operation, rules & regulations, etc. The Conservation Commission will have control over what is/is not presented on the site.

Budget Review Coordinator Clark attended a virtual meeting of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee denied all of the budget requests made by the Conservation Commission. The Commission will need to wait until the Select Board's Budget Meeting to find out if any of the Commission's Budget requests are restored at their work session.

Alum Treatment The treatment was finalized in South Pond. There was no evidence that the fish kill was a result of the treatment.

112 Sunnyside Road Vice Chairman MacWilliams is working with Mr. Kudlic to complete the ADA accessibility on the trail behind Town Hall and will follow up at the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting.

61 & 63 College Highway Coordinator Clark stated that there have been no changes since the last meeting. The issues may be on hold until the new Building Inspector has been retained.

Certificate of Compliance DEP# 292-0362 Granville/Fred Jackson Roads Coordinator Clark stated that there has been some changes made to the Granville Road culvert, but not all stabilization has been completed as of this meeting.

81 Point Grove Road Tree Removal Coordinator Clark received a notice concerning a tree that could fall on Point Grove Road or at the culvert between Middle and South Ponds. Mr. Brown agreed that the tree is mostly dead and is cause for concern for boaters on the lake or patrons walking nearby. The tree is on private property.

Granville Gorge Tree Removal Coordinator Clark requested that Mr. Brown evaluate branches at the Granville Gorge that are near/on power lines. Mr. Brown did review the branches and will contact Eversource for their removal.

250th Celebration The Conservation Commissioners will work on a design for the float which may include a waterfall. Vice Chairman MacWilliams has access to a 28 foot trailer and has some building materials available. Coordinator Clark will request if the Agricultural Committee would like to participate in a joint effort for the float.

Woodland Ridge Fencing Vice Chairman MacWilliams received a quote to replace the fencing of \$1,100.00. A purchase order will be submitted to the Accounting Office for approval.

Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes
Dave MacWilliams	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes
Brian Drenen	yes
Brian Pranka	yes
Jerry Patria	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 05/18/2020

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Vice Chairman MacWilliams

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

Date