

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
July 6, 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	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

Also in attendance:

Norman Cheever – Lake Management Committee

Paul Murphy – 80 Point Grove Road

John Senez – 52 Lakemont Street

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

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of 06/15/2020 as amended. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote is as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Joseph Walz, Property Owner

Mr. Chris Karney, R. Levesque and Associates

NOI DEP # 292-0372 772, 774 College Highway Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield Reminder on June 26, 2020. Mr. Karney presented a plan that will be constructed in three phases. Phase 1 will be the demolition of the existing building, with construction of three buildings. There is a portion of the parking area with wooden guard rails that will be within 70 feet of the buffer zone. A storm water plan included preventative measures to direct water away from the wetland area to a containment area, large enough to accommodate a 100 year storm, which will slowly release the water back
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into the ground. There will be two septic systems, one for building #1, and one for both building #2 and #3. Mr. Karney presented an erosion control plan and plantings to restore the area to its natural state. Less than 1% of the total site will have an impact on the wetlands. Commissioner Pranka suggested moving the proposal to the future Phase III, so no wetlands will be impacted. Mr. Karney explained that would cause traffic issues as the parking/driving area will be compromised. The Conservation Commission members were also concerned with the possibility of snow being deposited over the guardrail into the buffer zone. A snow removal plan will be included in the Order of Conditions and Mr. Walz will ensure that his contract with the snow removal firm will specifically state where excess snow can be deposited. As of this meeting, the plan had not been reviewed by the Planning Board. In the event the Planning Board do not require a bond, the Conservation Commission may increase their standard bond amount from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Phase II, which is located along College Highway and does not have any impact on wetlands, will include a bank, rental space, a dental office and two drive through restaurants. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the project as presented with the bond amount dependant on any other bond requirements from the Planning Board and/or DPW. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP # 292-0370 Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and noted that there is no additional impact on the wetland and the disturbed area has returned to its natural state. Chairman Pratt made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the project. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP # 292-0341 Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and noted that the disturbed area has returned to its natural state. The Building Inspector would like to have the parking area paved, however, the Conservation Commission would prefer it in its natural state. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and the release of the \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

Mr. John Senez, Property Owner

52 Lakemont Street – Variance 6.2 Annual Removal of Dock Coordinator Clark presented a view of the current dock. There is a large amount of vegetation and the water is very shallow. Mr. Senez stated that the dock is approximately 70 feet long. Mr. Cheever, LMC, made note that cones and reflective tape will be required to identify the end of the dock for any winter vehicles approaching the area. Chairman Pratt made a motion to allow the variance. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

Congamond South Pond Association Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and noted a need for plantings as per their five year plan. Mr. Devon Thomas will be invited to the next scheduled meeting to finalize the RDA submitted in 2018.

Clark Reimbursement Purchase Order Chairman Pratt made a motion to submit a purchase order for Coordinator Clark in the amount of \$1,600.00 for phone and travel reimbursement for fiscal year 2021. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

Mr. Paul Murphy, 80 Point Grove Road

LPP Issues Coordinator Clark presented a photo of the docks and vessels between Mr. Murphy and Mr. Panella. A letter was issued to Mr. Panella stating that no vessels were allowed on the north side of his dock. Mrs. Panella came to the office and explained that medical issues are impeding the removal of the lift with the 12 foot dinghy on the north side. However, the Commission did note that the dinghy does not interfere with Mr. Murphy's access. A revised letter will be issued to Mr. Panella stating that no other vessels can be placed on the north side of the dock and a "no parking" sign will be installed. Chairman Pratt made a motion to issued the revised letter stating the conditions as noted due to a hardship. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

Request for a Certificate of Compliance DEP# 292-0343 – Congamond Road Coordinator Clark conducted a site visit and presented pictures of the stabilization of the culvert with added rip rap. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission is as follows:

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

68 Will Palmer Road / Enforcement Order Coordinator Clark presented pictures of the area that was disturbed and is now returned to its natural state. Stones have been placed to prevent recreational vehicles from accessing the wetland area. A letter will be issued noting that the Enforcement Order is in compliance.

Recreational & Open Space Online Mapping The Conservation Commission members reviewed the on line mapping and applauded Coordinator Clark's efforts in creating the mapping. The site provides valuable information on recreational and open space land within Southwick. A link to the site will be provided on the Town website.

Enforcement Order DEP # 292-0366 Vice Chairman MacWilliams is working with Mr. Kudlic to install railings. Once the installation is complete, the violation fine for Mr. Kudlic will be rescinded.

61 & 63 College Highway Coordinator Clark discussed the site with Mr. Kyle Scott, Building Inspector. There has been some confusion in the transition between Mr. Lawler and Mr. Scott concerning the storm water plan. There has been construction at the site despite the cease and desist order.

Irrigation Notice Policy Mr. Cheever questioned if Commissioner Cook-Obregon was satisfied with the future plans for notifying the farmers of lake treatments relative to irrigation. Commissioner Cook-Obregon did contact the farmers and has created a working plan along with the Agricultural Commission for future notifications.

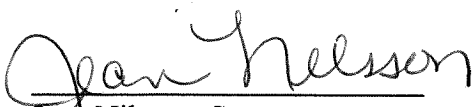
Certificate of Compliance DEP# 292-0362 Granville/Fred Jackson Roads The project has not been completed as of this meeting. The work is scheduled to be completed when the culvert on Fred Jackson Road begins.

Chairman Pratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Jerry Patria	yes
David MacWilliams	yes	Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes
Brian Pranka	yes	Brian Drenen	yes

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 07/20/2020

Respectfully submitted,


Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

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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