

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
November 16, 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, F.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, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced the Commissioners who were in attendance names, time and date of the meeting, and that the meeting was being recorded.

ATTENDANCE

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

Also in attendance was:

Norman Cheever, Lake Management Committee
Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates
Barry Searle, R.S.
Kate Bednaz
Doug Cameron

MINUTES

Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2020. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Barry Searle, R.S.

RDA 187 Vining Hill Road The legal ad was published in the Reminder Publication on November 4, 2020. Mr. Searle presented a plan to repair a failed septic system at the location. The leach field will be removed, but the septic tank will remain. The repair will be outside of the 50 foot Buffer Zone, but within the 100 foot Buffer Zone. The system has been in failure for some time. The new leach field
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will be smaller and function as a pre-treatment system. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Mr. Doug Cameron, Department of Fish & Game

RDA Fish & Boating Person The legal ad was published in the Reminder Publication on November 4, 2020. Mr. Camron presented a plan for replacing the decking on the fishing pier at Middle Pond. The original construction did not live up to its life expectancy. The replacement wood does not require stain or treatments. Chairman Pratt made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook- Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI 12 Noble Steed DEP #292- Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Reminder Publications on 11/4/2020. Mr. Levesque stated that the project was a single family dwelling with plantings in the Bordering Vegetation Wetland (BVW). The plans showed plantings within 50 feet of the Buffer Zone, but Mr. Levesque explained that the plantings were actually going to be located between the 100 and 50 foot Buffer Zone. Previous comments from the DEP were made under the presumption that the jurisdictional area is BVW, but it was confirmed that the jurisdictional area is IVW and only jurisdictional under Wetland Local Bylaws. Hearing no comments or concerns, Chairman Pratt made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:21. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook- Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the project with the change in the plantings, revised erosion control and a \$5,000.00 bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook- Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI DEP# 292-0374 115 Fred Jackson Road (Continuation) Mr. Levesque presented a revised plan showing 3 culvert installations along the driveway. The lot was delineated a few years ago for a Forest Cutting Plan. Mr. Levesque spoke with the landowner who said that there are no current or future plans to subdivide the parcel into 4 building lots. The current plans are for two single family dwellings, one for each of the owners. The Commissioners agreed to a site visit to review any

wetlands and areas that will require replication. Chairman Made a motion for a continuation of the Public Hearing until December 7, 2020. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Maryssa Cook- Obregon yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes

Jerry Patria yes

Kate Bednaz, Freshwater Wetland Services

691 College Highway – Dollar General Coordinator Clark stated that before the 2013 NOI was submitted some mowing was mistakenly conducted through a wetland and self-reported in the NOI. At that time the DEP issued an Administration Consent Order with Penalties. The area has since been restored and the DEP has released ACOP with approval for the Commission to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to release the bond on the property and approve a Certificate of Compliance. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes

Jerry Patria yes

Public Land Preservation Act The Conservation Commission members agreed to send another letter to Congressman Boldyga requesting sponsorship. There are several parcels of land dedicated to “Open Space” that in actually can be developed due to the Special Permit omitting that the land will remain in Open Space for perpetuity. The Conservation Commission will need to work with the Planning Board members and future developers to ensure that Open Space remains just that.

New England Scenic Trail Coordinator Clark stated that due to a staffing switch the project will be starting November 23rd.

Swamp Trail Coordinator Clark noted that there was no new progress on the project. Now that Mr. Grannells is back to good health, Coordinator Clark may enlist his opinion as a professional engineer.

Norm Cheever, LMC Mr. Cheever reported that salt was going to be used on the roadways this winter instead of sand. The LMC is concerned that the salt may be detrimental to the lake water.

Town Hall Meeting Protocol As of this meeting, there have been no improvements in the status of Covid 19. Town Hall attendance is still restricted.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

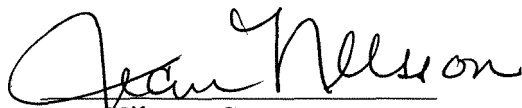
Brian Drenen yes

Jerry Patria yes

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 12/07/2020.

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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

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