

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
December 7, 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.

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

Also in attendance was:

Douglas Moglin, Chairman Select Board
Norman Cheever, Lake Management Committee
Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of November 16, 2020
Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Brian Drenen	yes	Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes

7:20PM PUBLIC HEARING

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI DEP# 292-0374 115 Fred Jackson Road (Continuation) Mr. Nelson presented a new revised plan showing an improvement to the previously constructed logging road and replication of wetlands impacted by the construction. The assumed Bordering Vegetated Wetland disruption is approximately 3,500 square feet. The proposed replication area is on the north side to the rear of the property which
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is proposed to include tree plantings and seeding. The new proposed dwelling and septic system location has been staked in the field. Coordinator Clark is scheduled to have a phone conversation with Rebekah Zimmerer, Endangered Species Review Biologist from NHESP on Tuesday December 8th.

A site visit will be scheduled for Saturday December 12th depending on the availability of the Conservation Commission members. Mr. Nelson requested a continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Drenen made a motion to approve a continuation until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Cook-Obregon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Brian Drenen yes

Brian Pranka yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

NEW BUSINESS

101 Lakeview Street Annual Dock Removal A letter was received from Tricia Koss, property owner, requesting a Variance under Section 6.2 – Annual Dock Removal. Ms. Koss made note that the current dock is constructed with galvanized metal posts set into the bed of the lake, and the highly likely presence of muskrats living under the dock. The Conservation Commission previously approved a variance in 2019 for the 2020 season only. A copy of the variance will be forwarded to Mr. Cheever of the Lake Management Committee for review by the LMC. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to table the issue until the Lake Management Committee can review the situation and get back with their opinion. Commissioner Cook-Obregon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Brian Drenen yes

Brian Pranka yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

MACC Dues A letter was issued from MACC noting that the yearly dues has increased for 2021 to \$293.00. Vice Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to approve the dues payment. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Brian Drenen yes

Brian Pranka yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

North Pond Signage The Commissioners reviewed the proposed “rules & regulation” sign for North Pond. It was agreed that the sign should be in a one column design and that there need to be multiple signs installed. However, the Commissioners did not come to a consensus on the verbiage. Coordinator Clark will email a draft of the sign to Fish and Wildlife for their input. The discussion will be tabled until most of the Commissioners can be present at a future meeting.

Flexible residential Subdivision Open Space The Conservation Commission agreed that they should work with the Planning Board on adopting regulations specific to open space on Flexible Residential Subdivisions (FRD). Select Board Chairman Doug Moglin stated that the current process is flawed and work needs to be done to correct/clarify who would have access to open space in Flexible Residential Subdivisions. The homeowners association would have the responsibility of maintaining the property. Mr. Moglin stated that it is understandable that they would not want to be responsible for a person or persons getting hurt or causing damage on open space. The FRD by-law could be clarified

for specifics allowable/not allowable uses. Mr. Moglin also reiterated that there needs to be more communication between the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Coordinator Clark offered to look into how other communities deal with the open space on their flexible subdivisions.

OLD BUSINESS

New England Scenic Trail Site prep work has been completed. Coordinator Clark and Vice Chairman MacWilliams will continue to monitor the current status of the project.

Swamp Trail Coordinator Clark noted that there has been no new progress on the project, and will contact Dick Grannells for his expertise as soon as he comes back to work at Town Hall.

Norm Cheever, LMC Mr. Cheever reported a dock and vessel were still in the water at 156 Berkshire Avenue. It was agreed that a letter will be issued to the property owner stating that the dock and vessel must be removed from the lake.

Town Hall Meeting Protocol As of this meeting, the Covid-19 is still impacting the ability for a return to meetings being conducted within the Town Hall Building.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Drenen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Vice Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Brian Drenen yes

Brian Pranka yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 12/21/2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Vice Chairman MacWilliams

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Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

Date