

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
March 1, 2021

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	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

Also in attendance was:
Norman Cheever, Lake Management Committee
Rob Levesque & Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates
Jason Fiore, The Greens
Jon Goddard, JG Site Services LLC
Eve Crampton, 56 & 56A Berkshire Avenue

MINUTES

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of January 4 and February 1, 2021.
Commissioner Muzanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI 78 Berkshire Avenue DEP # 282-0376 Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. The Conservation Commission members met at the site to review the wooded lot for a proposal for the construction of a single-family home. Mr. Nelson explained several changes in the plot plan including keeping some of the oak trees previously marked for removal, a run off system for roof top drainage, a redesign of the patio to include a fire pit, and a removable dock. The property will also include plantings. Coordinator Clark stated that the revised plans included all of the provisions previously suggested by the Conservation Commission. Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the revised plans which will include the installation of silt fencing during construction and a \$10,000 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI 100 Berkshire Avenue DEP # 292-0379 Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson presented revised plans which include a 4 foot retaining wall that will be 1 ½ feet wide and 48 feet long. The base of the slope will be filled with anchor stones, a landscape bed and plantings. Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI DEP# 292-0374 115 Fred Jackson Road Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson requested another continuation of the Public Hearing as the comments from NEGSP were just recently received. The plans were also revised to include a walk out basement. The front 5 acres of land will be monumented and continued to be used as a hay field. Chairman Pratt made a motion to allow the continuation until the next scheduled meeting on March 15, 2021. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Jon Goddard TITLE JG Site Services LLC
Eve Crampton, Property Owner 56 Berkshire Avenue

NOI 56 & 56A Berkshire Avenue DEP # 292- Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal add as posted in the Reminder Publications. Mr. Goddard stated that most of the work was being done on 56 Berkshire Avenue, but there was a small portion on the south side that encroached on 56A Berkshire Avenue. The properties share a common driveway and extensive work needs to be done to renovate building and exterior to the lake. There are two trees that will need to be removed. Coordinator Clark stated that he does not encourage tree removal, but this case does have justifiable cause. Part of the plan include drainage to the lake, installation of permeable pavers and various plantings. As there is a variety of repairs and improvements, Mr. Goddard requested that the Conservation Commission conduct a site visit and requested a continuation of the Public Hearing. Chairman Pratt made a motion for a continuation of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

ANRAD 686 College Highway Chairman Pratt read the Public Hearing notice as posted in Reminder Publications. Mr. Levesque presented a plan that just delineated the wetland resource areas including an intermittent stream, the location of Slab Brook, and two ponds with beaver activity. There is also an isolated vegetated wetland subject to flooding the length of the rear of the property. At this time, the ground is mostly covered with snow. Mr. Levesque requested that the Conservation Commission members schedule a site visit when more of the property can be viewed, and also requested a continuation of the Public Hearing. Chairman Pratt made a motion for the continuation and Coordinator Clark will schedule the site visit. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rob Levesque requested a Partial Certificate of Compliance for The Greens East Lots # 1, 2, 3, 4, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, & 38. All of the lots are not subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The owner is starting the process of selling the lots. Coordination Clark will check with DEP to determine if all can be on one document, or if they each require a separate document. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for all lots. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

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

Storm Water Bylaws Mr. Jon Goddard, TOWN PERN TITLE, requested support for the Conservation Commission relative to the creation of a Storm Water Bylaw. Discharge Permits will ensure the compliance for updated performance standards and administration. Mr. Goddard is working with the DPW, Building Department and Conservation Commission for input on conformance in the creation of the Bylaw.

258 Feeding Hills Road Coordinator Clark stated that Mr. Deede requested approval for removing 2 to 3 pine trees near the brook and replacing the brook crossing. The trees are diseased or are dying. The property is NRCS compliant for agriculture and is exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act. Mr. Deede will send a copy of his plans to the Conservation Commission for review.

OLD BUSINESS

101 Lakeview Street Annual Dock Removal Mr. Cheever, LMC representative, stated the Lake Management Committee voted unanimously to allow the dock to remain in the water until such time as it will be replaced by a removable dock. Chairman Pratt made a motion to grant the variance under the conditions that 1) reflective cones be placed on the dock for safety purposes, 2) the variance is only valid for the 2021 boating season, and 3) the dock will be replaced by a removable dock in the future. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Pranka	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Jerry Patria	yes

Budget Hearing Schedule The Committee members were informed that their scheduled appointment for the Budget Hearing is March 20th at 8:30 am. The hearings will be held via Zoom.

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 8:09 PM. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was as follows:

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 03/15/21.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

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Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Vice Chairman MacWilliams

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

Date