**MINUTES**

**CONSERVATON COMMISSION**

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**April 5, 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                                      Absent

Jerry Patria, Commissioner                                         Present

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner                 Present

Dennis Clark, Coordinator                                          Present

Also in attendance was:

Jon Goddard, JS Site Services LLC

Norman Cheever, Lake Management Committee

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Steve Salvini, Prime AE Group Inc.

Kevin Solek, 115 Fred Jackson Road

Val Shvetz

Jeff Smith, Prime AE Group Inc.

Kate Bednaz, Freshwater Wetlands

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Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2021. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion.  The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Jon Goddard JG Site Services LLC

**NOI 56 & 56A Berkshire Avenue DEP # 292- 0377** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Goddard presented a revised the plan for the retaining wall to the beach area. There will be a system for water infiltration including run off from the driveway. Coordinator Clark reviewed comments from DEP and DPW and stated that it appeared Mr. Goddard has satisfied their concerns. Hearing no other comments, Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

Chairman Pratt then made a motion to approve the revised project as presented with erosion and sediment control in place prior to the start of any work, and a $10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

Mr. Steve Salvini Prime AE Group Inc.

**NOI 157 Feeding Hills Road DEP # 292-0380** Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Salvini explained the changes in the proposal including floodplain, additional plantings to enhance the Buffer Zone and to address DEP comments adding pervious paver walkways. Mr. Salvini stated that he anticipated approval from the Planning Board for modification of a Site Plan and requested a continuation. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting for DEP to review the newly revised plan. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Kevin Solek, Property Owner

**NOI DEP# 292-0374 115 Fred Jackson Road**   Chairman Pratt opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson stated that there are some technical revisions that will not impact the general footprint of the plan and anticipate final approval from DEP shortly. Mr. Nelson requested a continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

**ANRAD 686 College Highway & Feeding Hills Road DEP # 292-0378** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice as posted in the Reminder Publications on March 25, 2021. Mr. Nelson explained that the scope of the project has changed to include additional parcels along Slab Brook approximately 200 feet beyond the outlet of the pond. Ms. Kate Bednaz agreed as a third-party consultant to assess the project for verification of the flagged wetland areas. A site visit will be scheduled for May 1st at 9:00 am. A continuation was granted for the Conservation meeting after the site visit.

Jeff Smith, PWS Prime AE Group Inc.

Steve Salvini Prime AE Group Inc.

**ANRAD Mort Vining Road DEP # 292-0381** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice as posted in the Reminder Publications on March 25, 2021. Mr. Salvini showed the wetland areas on the 82 acre parcel with 7 acres of wetlands in the south east wooded area. Mr. Smith then went into detail on the location, size and type of each defined wetland area. The Conservation Commission agreed to meet on site to further evaluate the property. Mr. Salvini requested a continuation of the Public Hearing. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the continuation of the Public Hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Forest Management Plan** **North Pond Conservation Area** The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

**23 Sawgrass Lane** Coordinator Clark was contacted by the property owner who requested permission for a shed and garden in the backyard buffer area. Coordinator Clark presented a map showing the location of the proposed shed and garden. The Conservation Commission members had no issue with these activities taking place in the backyard buffer area.

**158 Vining Hill Road Right of First Refusal** Coordinator Clark inquired if the Conservation Commission had any interest in the Right of First Refusal on the parcel. There was no interest and a letter will be issued to the Select Board.

**Lake Management Committee** Mr. Cheever, LMC, attended the meeting, however, was not able to participate in the meeting due to an audio issue. Commissioner Patria related discussion issues from the last LMC meeting which included the police boat project going forward, and the LMC question how much water can be taken from the lake for irrigational usage by Southwick farmers.

**Agricultural Commission Farm Brochure** Commissioner Obregon-Cook presented the conceptual brochure which included hiking trails. Chairman Pratt noted that it was a good idea and that QR codes could be added for easier informational access.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Hall Meeting Protocol**  As of this meeting, there is still no public access to Town Hall.

**Trails Grant Status** Andre Belyshev is preparing to map areas as part of a Eagle Scout project for North Pond using Dismal Brook Area as a model. There will be a scout meeting in the near future to determine when the project can begin.

As there was no further business to discuss, Commissioner Drenen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Chairman Pratt seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was as follows:

Christopher Pratt yes Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Brian Drenen yes Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria          yes                                          

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission is 05/3/21.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board

Town Clerk

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Christopher Pratt, Chairman Vice Chairman MacWilliams

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Jerry Patria, Commissioner Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

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Brian Drenen, Commissioner Brian Pranka, Commissioner

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Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner Date