

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HYBRID PARTICIPATION
October 3, 2022

OPENING: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 via hybrid. Chairman MacWilliams announced the names, time and date of the meeting, and stated that the meeting was being recorded.

ATTENDANCE

David MacWilliams, Chairman	Present
Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present (Zoom)
Kevin Solek, Commissioner	Present
Andrew Reardon, Commissioner	Present

The Conservation Commission welcomed their new member Norman Cheever.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

MINUTES

Commissioner Solek made a motion to accept the minutes of August 29, 2022. Chairman MacWilliams seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes
Jerry Patria yes
Kevin Solek yes

Norm Cheever abstained
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes
Andrew Reardon Yes

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of September 19, 2022. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams yes
Jerry Patria abstained
Kevin Solek abstained

Norm Cheever yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes
Andrew Reardon Yes

NEW BUSINESS

William Ouimet, PhD Professor Ouimet, Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Connecticut attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of conducting research at the Sofinowski Land Preserve. The proposition is to acquire sediment cores from wetland areas on the western hillslope. The wetlands are small rimmed depressions that may be glacial moraines that have not been previously mapped. The 2 or 3 core sediment samples is obtained by a tube pushed or vibrated into the surface which does not appear to be in a wetland jurisdictional area. The equipment including a small generator to be used will be carried in. All the data collected will be available to the Town. Doug Moglin, Select Board, questioned if a liability waiver would be required. Coordinator Pooler will issue a letter to Professor Ouimet allowing for the samples and note that the Town of Southwick will have no liability. Burt Hansen, Chairman Agricultural Commission, asked for the specific location. Professor Ouiment presented a map showing the locations. Commissioner Reardon made a motion to allow for the samples to be taken. Vice Chairman Cheever seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Jerry Patria yes
Kevin Solek yes

Norm Cheever yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes
Andrew Reardon Yes

26 Island Way The property owner nor a representative was present for the meeting.

Mr. Jim Charles, Builder

Certificate of Compliance 14 Noble Steed SWK 454-124 Coordinator Pooler conducted a site visit and noted that the silt fence had already been removed, but the boulders were in place. Hydro seeding is present, but there is no established grass at this time. Mr. Charles confirmed the hydro seeding and noted that it creates stabilization sooner than traditional seeding. Commissioner Solek made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and the release of the bond. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Jerry Patria yes
Kevin Solek yes

Norm Cheever yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes
Andrew Reardon Yes

Forest Cutting Plans Coordinator Pooler presented a forest cutting plan for review by the Commissioners. The Conservation Commission has 10 days to review submitted plans and submit comments to DCR. The applicant may need to file for an NOI if the plan is extensive and impacts wetlands. Coordinator Pooler suggested that at least 1 Commissioner review the plans as it would be in the best interest of the Commission.

LMC Update Vice Chairman Cheever stated that there were no updates as of this meeting.

Alexandra Cichetti, R. Levesque & Associates

Dana Cockrin, Owner

13 North Pond Road – 3 Year Extension DEP # 292-0363 At the previous meeting, the Conservation Commissioners requested that plantings be placed on the plan. Coordinator Pooler, Chairman MacWilliams and Rob Levesque has a meeting to discuss the minor changes. The plantings have been noted on the revised plan. Commissioner Patria made a motion to approve the 3 year extension of the Order of Conditions with the revisions. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes

Norm Cheever yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Kevin Solek yes

Andrew Reardon Yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Vice Chairman Agricultural Commission

Dana Guay, 173 Mort vining

Sofonowski Land Preserve Ms. Guay attended the meeting to reiterate the plans for the October 16th at 10:00 am clean up at the Sofinowski Land Preserve. Ms. Guay has already begun clearing paths and an area close to the pond which now has visual access. Once the invasive species are cut, they should be removed to debris location where their seeds cannot develop new plants. There are volunteers that will bring brush hogs and a chipper.

Sub Committee Chairman MacWilliams suggested that potential candidates be contacted to determine if there would be any interest. If created, the subcommittee will report to the Conservation Commission. Doug Moglin, Select Board, suggested that the size of the potential committee be established and the position could be advertised. Coordinator Pooler will work with Michelle Hill, Town Clerk, on the logistics of establishing the committee.

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Vice Chairman Cheever seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor:

David MacWilliams yes

Norm Cheever yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Kevin Solek yes

Andrew Reardon Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:

Select Board

CC 100322

Town Clerk

Dave MacWilliams, Chairman

Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Kevin Solek, Commissioner

Andy Reardon, Commissioner

Date