

**MINUTES**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**HYBRID PARTICIPATION**  
**November, 7, 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	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Absent
Kevin Solek, Commissioner	Present
Andrew Reardon, Commissioner	Present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Drenen made a motion to accept the minutes of October 17, 2022. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Commission was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Kevin Solek	yes	Andrew Reardon	Yes

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mr. Andrew Reardon, Property Owner

**1 Hudson Drive DEP # 292-0410** Chairman MacWilliams opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Reminder Publications on 10/27/22. Commissioner Reardon recused himself as a member of the Committee as he is the property owner and is representing the project. Chairman MacWilliams read an email from Randy Brown, DPW Director on October 28, 2022 in relation to the plan and storm water report. Mr. Brown commented on using rainfall data, a sedimentation device, analysis of pretreatment, omissions from the Storm Water report, oil and water separators, spill

containment and invert elevations. As there was no representation on behalf of Mr. Reardon, he requested that the Public Hearing be continued. Vice Chairman made a motion to continue the Public Hearing. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes  
Kevin Solek yes

Norm Cheever yes  
Brian Drenen yes  
Andrew Reardon Yes

Mr. Steve Salvini, Salvini & Associates  
Mr. Jeff Smith,  
Mr. Terry Reynolds

**Oak Ridge Estates DEP # 292-0409** Chairman MacWilliams opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice as posted in the Reminder Publication on 10/27/22. Mr. Salvini explained the project as a roadway, which will be an entrance or exit to the subdivision, that will be going through a wetland. The area has been farmed as a hay field and Mr. Salvini commented that construction of the roadway will “not be a major loss”. The potential crossing will require a culvert that will transport water to a large wetland area. Coordinator Pooler noted that the proposal of disturbing 2,700 square feet will require a 2 to 1 reclamation. There is a secondary crossing on the upper section of the subdivision that will be directed to the buffer zone. The current plan does not show the reclamation. DEP comments includes why an alternate site was not considered and questioned why the Bordering Vegetated Wetland was not proposed as bridged. Mr. Salvini submitted additional information just prior to the meeting which the Commission did not have time to review. Mr. Salvini requested a continuation of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion for a continuation. Vice Chairman Cheever seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes  
Kevin Solek yes

Norm Cheever yes  
Brian Drenen yes  
Andrew Reardon Yes

**Conservation Trust** Coordinator Pooler presented information on the possibility of creating a fund that the Conservation Commission could access for various projects including the preservation of land. The fund will have readily available funds as opposed to waiting for approval and procurement from the Town. The funding would be similar to CPC and may even transfer from that account with the Conservation Commission members having control over spending approvals. Creation of the account would require submittal of a Warrant Article for the Annual Town Meeting. Funding from the General Fund account will require a Town vote, and funds from CPC will require approval by their Commission members and a Town vote. Acting Coordinator Clark will assist Coordinator Pooler with the project and Commissioner Mizanoglu will do research on the establishment of similar funding and necessary requirements.

**Noble Steed Crossing** Coordinator Pooler Vice Chairman Cheever and DPW Director Randy Brown conducted a site visit at the location on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Pictures of a dirt pile at the location showed bricks, pipes etc. which could be considered as “contaminated”. The Order of Conditions for the subdivision explicitly states that no contaminated fill is to be brought to the site. There was also a pile of asphalt that may have been from a driveway. The owner has disregarded several notices and was not present at this meeting to offer explanations. Acting Coordinator Clark recommended that the Solid Waste Division of DEP be contacted for an evaluation. There was also the matter of silt fencing failure as an ongoing problem that has not been corrected. The Conservation Commissioners agreed to begin fining the site at \$300.00 per day for the silt fencing violation, and await comments from DEP relative to the contaminated fill.

**Sofinowski Land Preserve** Mr. Burt Hansen, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee and Mrs. Carol Guay, 173 Mort Vining Road, attended the meeting to relate information on the progress clearing the invasive and overgrowth from the preserve. As the property is currently being actively farmed, it is considered agriculturally exempt. Coordinator Pooler will ask Mr. Brown as Tree Warden to evaluate some trees that may need to be removed as they could potentially be a hazard in the event of a dead fall. Mr. Hansen did contact the Fire Department and was advised that fires could be created as long as they did not exceed the size of a Volkswagen beetle and precautions are taken for control. The Fire Department will be contacted on the day the burning will take place. There is a second clearing scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to allow the clearing without our having to present a plan prior to each clean up provided the clearing is consistent with regards to the site in accordance with a map submitted noting sections A – D. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Kevin Solek	yes	Andrew Reardon	Yes

Mr. Hansen also requested permission to enter the preserve during off times. There is a star gazing event along with the lunar eclipse and there have been other events occurring during the closed time. Commissioner Solek made a motion to allow such events to take place as long as there is advanced notice. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Kevin Solek	yes	Andrew Reardon	Yes

**LMC Update** Vice Chairman related that the Application For Variance Section 6.2 Annual removal of Docks for Sylvanna Sajewicz, 4010 Mountain Road was approved by the LMC. The LMC also agreed to move the buoy on Mr. Stemmler's lakefront residence closer to the shoreline.

**Sub Committee** As of this meeting, there was no update.

**Forest Cutting Plan** Mr. Jacob Maco will be available to explain the forest cutting regulations at the Sofinowski property on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Kiosk at Granville Gorge** Commissioner Drenen, Vice Chairman Cheever, Acting Coordinator Clark and Coordinator Pooler built the kiosk. The roof will need to be installed for completion. The Conservation Commissioners were grateful for the efforts in building the kiosk.

**Land Purchase** Chairman MacWilliams made note of a private land purchase by the National Park Service for 251 acres along the scenic trail which will be part of a trail expanding all the way to Manadnock. The closing will be in March 2023. The land will be preserved and not purchased for development.

As there was not further business to discuss, Commissioner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55. Commissioner seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams   yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu   yes  
Kevin Solek       yes

Norm Cheever   yes  
Brian Drenen   yes  
Andrew Reardon   Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:  
Select Board  
Town Clerk

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Dave MacWilliams, Chairman

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Norman Cheever, Vice Chairman

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Jerry Patria, Commissioner

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Brian Drenen, Commissioner

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Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

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Kevin Solek, Commissioner

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Andy Reardon, Commissioner

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Date