

**MINUTES**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**HYBRID PARTICIPATION**  
**February 6, 2023**

**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
Kevin Solek, Commissioner	Absent
Andrew Reardon, Commissioner	Present

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of January 17, 2023. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams	yes	Norm Cheever	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	yes	Andrew Reardon	Yes
Jerry Patria	yes		

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Anatoliy Ovdiychuk, Owner

**NOI 19 FOSTER ROAD DEP # 292-0411** Chairman MacWilliams opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Reminder Publications on 1/25/23. There is a mobile home on the property that will be removed for the placement of a single family dwelling 45 feet from the road and 34.85 feet from the corner of the house to the wetland. There is no defined 50 foot line on the plans that were submitted and the septic system was not delineated. Chris Mastromi, Board of Appeal Chairman, presented another map submitted to their Board for a dimensional variance that showed a 50 foot buffer going through the proposed dwelling. Chairman MacWilliams also read comments from Mr. Stinson, DEP, that will need to be addressed. As the application was not complete, Commissioner Patria made a motion for a continuation of the

Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes

Norm Cheever    yes  
Andrew Reardon    Yes

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director

**19 Foster Road Municipal Drainage Repair** Mr. Brown presented a plan for a drainage line that runs along the norther portion of 19 Foster Road. The current catch basin is not functioning and will be replaced in the same location. There are two trees that will need to be removed outside of the wetland. However, the Town does have a standing Order of Conditions that will allow work within the 50 foot buffer. Silt fencing will be placed in the work area and the trees will not be removed.

Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director

**Woodland Ridge** Mr. Brown presented a plan on Woodland Ridge open space showing all the drainage from the subdivision flowing into Great Brook. The proposal will be to install infiltrators onto Conservation property. There will be test pits to ensure that the proposal is conducive to the plan. The property will be brought back to its current state. There were no objections from the Conservation Commission members.

Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director

**Bylaw Chapter 450 Wetland Regulation** Mr. Brown presented a proposal to change Bylaw Chapter 450-2 to increase the vegetated buffer to 100 feet along a resource area. The current Bylaw is 50 feet. There is also consideration to change Bylaw Chapter 450-10 – Enforcement – the change will be from the word “may” to “will” that can ensure the commission will have more power of enforcement.

**Waterline Repair** Chairman MacWilliams and Coordinator Pooler met with Jeff Power, DPW Director to review plans for proposed waterline repair to West Springfield who gets their water from Southwick. The project is to repair existing pipe. Silt fencing will be installed. Work is to begin late February or early March. An Emergency Certification will be issued once the project date has been established as they are only valid for 30 days. Commissioner Patria made a motion for issuing the Emergency Certification. Vice Chairman Cheever seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes

Norm Cheever    yes  
Andrew Reardon    Yes

**16 Babb Road** An application was submitted from Kenneth Plumley for the Annual Removal of Docks. Mr. Plumley has not removed his dock for several years as it would require a crane, however the dock does not pose a navigation hazard. The Commissioners agreed to allow the variance with the inclusion of an indicator for nighttime identification of the dock.

**72 Mort Vining Road** The Conservation Commission received notification that the property is to be removed from Chapter 61A for a subdivision development. The Town has a Right of First refusal. The Town only has 30 days to reply. A site visit will be scheduled.

**355 North Loomis Street** Coordinator Pooler stated that, after a conversation with the owner the vehicle that was in the wetland had been removed.

**Annual Town Report – FY 24 Budget** The Commissioners reviewed the budget and the annual town report. Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the reviewed budget. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes

Norm Cheever    yes  
Andrew Reardon    Yes

**CPC Plan for Open Space** CPC updates their plan yearly including open space. The Commission agreed that the update was adequate.

**Speaker Series** Coordinator Pooler has established a speaker series. The first talk will be about vernal pools at the end of March or beginning of April.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**LMC Update** Vice Chairman Cheever stated that there was no LMC meeting, so there was nothing to report.

Mr. Drew and Mrs. Cindy DeMay, Owners

**19 South Longyard Road** Mr. and Mrs. DeMay attended the meeting to discuss a barn and chicken coop that is potentially located on conservation owned land. Mr. Scott, Building Inspector, made notes that no work is to be done before application approval and requested a surveyed plot plan. Mr. DeMay stated that he had contacted a survey company but they would have to go as far back as the lakes area to establish boundaries and no firm replied to his inquiry. There is a restrictive zone of 200 feet from a river front for any work being done. It appears that Mr. DeMay has installed structures within the 200 foot boundary, however the easy up has been removed and the chicken coop remains until a new coop can be constructed. The Commissioners agreed that a site visit would be needed to further evaluate the issue.

Mr. Jesse Saltmarsh, Property Owner  
Mr. Jeff Smith, Salvini & Associates  
Mr. Steve Salvini, Salvini & Associates

**Extension request for DEP # 292-0280 Noble Steed Crossing** Mr. Salvini presented a plan showing the erosion control that will be in place in the next two days. The water flow will be

slowed using waddles and there will be a replication area with trench pumps and a dam. There is a two year plan to ensure that the area is revegetated by at least a 75% survival rate. A Certificate of Compliance will not be issued until the project is complete. Mr. Saltmarsh will be the erosion control monitors. Commissioner Patria made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions for a period of one year in accordance with the plan dated February 6, 2023, continuation of a wetland scientist consultation, and erosion control barriers. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Dave MacWilliams yes

Norm Cheever yes

Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Andrew Reardon Yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mr. Jesse Saltmarsh, Property Owner

**Noble Steed Possible Contaminated Fill** Mr. Saltmarsh stated that he would strain the fill on site once the ground is no longer frozen.

**200A Hillside Road** The Conservation will conduct a site visit at the location to determine if a Certificate of Compliance can be issued. The site visit is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**Chapter 61 Properties for Sale** 221 Mort Vining is a parcel bordering the Sofonowski Land preserve. The land will need to be assessed and funds could be requested from CPC funds. However, the Town could only pay an assessed value. Chairman MacWilliams and Coordinator Pooler will request a meeting with the landowner to determine if it may be possible to purchase the land, or at least a portion of the land that is for sale.

**North Pond Conservation Area** Chairman MacWilliams, Coordinator Pooler and Mr. Saltmarsh met at the North Pond parking area to review what is needed to replace the culvert and make a more user friendly parking area. The damaged drainage pipes will be removed and reinstalled with new piping with parking stalls to the west and east. Water from the roadway will be directed into the new pipes and deposited to the northern side. The project should begin in March. Coordinator Pooler was contacted by the owner of 22 Babb Road who stated that he had not moved the boulder and has not driven his ATV on the property.

**Granville Gorge Kiosk Roof** Commissioner Drenen is still working on the project.

**Sub Committee** Coordinator Pooler conducted research in 2003 the Open Space Committee was created by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission will need to establish perimeters on how to reestablish the committee.

**Conservation Fund** Accounting still has not provided any information requested.

**PBJ Marina** The new owner requested a meeting with all parties involved with removing the beaver hut and establishing the possible reconfiguration of the marina.

As there was not further business to discuss, Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Dave MacWilliams    yes  
Mehmet Mizanoglu    yes  
Jerry Patria    yes

Norm Cheever    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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Date