

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
HYBRID PARTICIPATION
March 20, 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	Absent
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present - Zoom
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Absent
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Kevin Solek, Commissioner	Present
Andrew Reardon, Commissioner	Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mr. John Bok, a resident of Agawam, has been hiking the trails at North Pond as a result of geocaching and noted that there were locations where the trails have been blocked and a specific area with a lot of trash. Mr. Bok picked up 2 bags of trash and has been in communication with Coordinator Pooler about the issues there including blazers missing from the trails. Mr. Bok stated that he was willing to help with the trail markers and will continue to remove trash. Chairman MacWilliams related information from a previous meeting at which the Conservation Commission will be working with the Southwick PD on enforcement, and DPW relative to the potential removal of the tree branch that holds the rope swing.

MINUTES

Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept the minutes as amended of 3/6/23. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams	yes	Jerry Patria	yes
Kevin Solek	yes	Andy Reardon	yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu	- abstained		

Anatoliy Ovdiychuk, Owner

19 Foster Road DEP # 292-0411 Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Ovdiychuk presented a revised plan showing the septic system entirely within the 100 foot buffer zone. Mr. Hibert, Health Director, did approve the plans based on a current percolation test. The other issue from the last meeting was the removal of the existing structure. Mr. Ovdiychuk read an email sent to Coordinator Pooler just prior to the meeting that he would apply for a demolition permit and move the mobile home outside of the 100 foot buffer zone to take it apart. Mr. Ovdiychuk made mention that he was to take the mobile home off site in the previous

meeting. Chairman MacWilliams asked that Coordinator Pooler be contacted prior to it being removed. As there was no further discussion, Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Kevin Solek yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Jerry Patria yes
Andy Reardon yes

Commissioner Reardon made a motion to approve the project as present on the plan. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. There will be a standard Order of Conditions, a bond of \$10,000.00, silt fencing around the 50 foot buffer zone, and boulders outlining the 50 foot buffer. However, after going over the Order of Conditions, Mr. Ovdiychuk stated that he is going to have a 30 foot back yard which would extend into the 50 foot buffer zone. The plan did not show regrading for the potential 30 foot lawn in the 50 foot buffer. The proposed lawn would need to be shown on the plan. As the lawn and grading was not noted on the plan, Commissioner Patria rescinded the motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Solek seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Kevin Solek yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Jerry Patria yes
Andy Reardon yes

Chairman MacWilliams made a motion for a continuation of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Reardon seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Kevin Solek yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Jerry Patria yes
Andy Reardon yes

200A Hillside Road – Request for a Certificate of Compliance Mr. Saltmarsh, owner, did not have the documentation available at this time. The request will be continued until the next meeting.

North Pond Chairman MacWilliams had a conversation with Mr. Brown, DPW Director, who will get a quote from a tree service to remove the branch that the rope swing is attached to. There is debris, trash, and erosion on the hillside from the users. Mr. Brown will also see if there is any available fencing to place across the property line at Babb Road to ensure no motorized vehicles have access to the North Pond preservation property.

Woodland Ridge Chairman MacWilliams also spoke to Mr. Brown, DPW Director, about completion of the project at that location. The area will be loamed and seeded with a natural mix once the weather improves.

19 South Longyard Commissioner Solek questioned an update on the property. Chairman MacWilliams noted that Mr. DeMay was directed to a surveyor who was in attendance at the last meeting he attended, and also noted that Selectman Fox was looking into the Town contracting a surveyor to determine where the property line is in relation to the Conservation land.

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Kevin Solek yes
Mehmet Mizanoglu yes

Jerry Patria yes
Andy Reardon yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
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