

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REMOTE PARTICIPATION
June21, 2022

OPENING: The regular 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/In Person
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen, Vice Chairman	Present/In Person
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Absent
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present/In Person
Kevin Solek	Absent
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	Present/In Person

There were no public comments.

Chairman MacWilliams introduced Sabrina Pooler as the newly appointed Conservation Commission Coordinator.

Chairman MacWilliams accepted the request form Commissioner Drenen to step down as the Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission and nominated Maryssa Cook-Obregon as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Patria seconded the nomination. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ms. Sabrina Pooler, Conservation Commission Coordinator – in person.
Acting Conservation Commission Coordinator Dennis Clark was also in attendance via Zoom.

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Jerry Patria	yes

MINUTES

Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept the minutes of June 6, 2022. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote of the Committee was unanimous in favor.

David MacWilliams	yes	Brian Drenen	yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon	yes	Jerry Patria	yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

NOI 138R Hillside Road DEP # 292-0401 Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson presented a revised plan addressing the comments from Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director including specifics on roof run off sizing, boulders lining the easement, maintenance of the path to the storm water basin and driveway slopes. As all conditions have been met, Commissioner Patria made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Vice Chairman Cook-Obregon made a motion to approve the project as revised with the standard Order of Conditions and a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates

Mr. Ken Eggleston, Owner

NOI 141 Congamond Road DEP # 292-0400 Chairman MacWilliams opened the continuation of the Public Hearing. Mr. Nelson presented a revised plan addressing the comments from Mr. Randy Brown, DPW Director, concerning the storm water system. The catch basins will be replaced with hooded deep sump basins as per the suggestion from Mr. Randy Brown via an email to Mr. Nelson. Acting Coordinator Clark was concerned with the disbursement of oils into the lake specifically pertaining to the responsibility of the Town. There had been no previous discussion relative to a water/oil separator. The bank stabilization was replaced with additional plantings along the buffer strip and a pre-seeded mesh sock anchored to the soil which will sprout vegetated plants and become one living root mass. The proposal will stabilize the land from further erosion. The existing trees to the north will remain. However, one or two trees to the south may be removed depending on their root structure to be replaced by shrubs. Dry well infiltration chambers can be provided for the building. Acting Coordinator Clark noted that the storm water revised information does show it is distributed into the lake but does not have base separators. The land under water provision for the Chapter 91 license was reviewed requested by DEP as it was omitted from the application. The land under water space would be for the concrete blocks, ropes and chains for the docks estimated at 300 square feet of disturbance. The docks will be removable, the anchors will remain, and the docks will be removed by hand and be placed on the wooden deck for the winter. Commissioner Patria made note that the markers for the blocks under water can be moved by winter ice.

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

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a Certificate of Compliance 8 Reservoir Road DEP # 292-0255

Chairman MacWilliams, Acting Coordinator Clark and Coordinator Pooler conducted a

site visit at the location and recommended approval as the project was completed in accordance with the Order of Conditions. Chairman MacWilliams made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and release of the bond if it still exists. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

North Pond Trash The Conservation Commission was issued a notification including pictures from Chief Landis, SPD, of trash, fire pit, and a rope swing. Chairman MacWilliams conducted a site visit and noted all the trash and debris which needs to be addressed. CRC will organize a cleanup. Chairman MacWilliams suggested that a trash barrel be installed and arrangements be made for a weekly pick up and install signage. Mr. Fox, Chairman Select Board, was in attendance and noted that funding was available for signage. There will also be lake side patrols for those on the shore line that may be in violation. Chairman MacWilliams also noted that there is a culvert under the entrance to North Pond that are blocked at both ends. Mr. Randy Brown will review the site for a determination.

Oakridge Estates Mr. Steve Salvini, Salvini Associates and Terry Reynolds, Reynolds Engineering attended the meeting to discuss a potential plan for a wetland crossing identified in a wetland delineation previously submitted to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Reynolds presented a loop road with a portion crossing a wetland. The plan reviewed has not been formally submitted as of yet, Mr. Salvini was just requesting an opinion from the Conservation Commission on the wetland crossing phased Notice of Intent. Acting Coordinator Clark suggested that the entire subdivision be presented which could be phased, but not just a portion of the project that addressed the crossing. Chairman MacWilliams made note that the members would not voice their opinion on a project unless it was presented in a completed format.

326 North Loomis Street Mr. Burt Hansen, Chairman of the Agricultural Commission, attended the meeting for an Agricultural Exemption. Mr. Hansen issued a letter explaining that the bridge crossing does qualify for the exemption and attended in person in the event the Conservation Commission had any questions. Vice Chairman Cook-Obregon conducted a site visit with Mr. Hansen and noted that the replacement would be an improvement.

Erosion Control Monitor DEP # 292-0402 194 Granville Road Acting Coordinator Clark and Coordinator Pooler conducted a site visit and noted the erosion control. Mr. Anthony Wheeler, owner, requested to be approved as the monitor for the project and require a monthly or and/or after a storm report. Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept Mr. Wheeler as the monitor. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes

Brian Drenen yes

Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Jerry Patria yes

Trail Maintenance Budget Coordinator Pooler found four Conservation properties with parking areas that need attention. Coordinator Pooler suggested that the Conservation Commission members conduct site visits to determine if or what improvements need to be made. Each of the members in attendance was designated a site for review and suggestions on improvements.

Conservation Land Signage Coordinator Pooler discussed posting signage and the possibilities of wording on signs that could include information on fining of violations. The problem would be with enforcement mechanisms and who has jurisdiction on specific properties.

LPP Updates Mr. Norm Cheever related information from the last LMC meeting relating to 141 Congamond Road. The boat parade will be held on July 2nd with a band at Babb's Beach from 3:00 to 5:00. Commissioner Patria also made note that the Town of Suffield is once again considering public sewer systems on the east side of South Pond. One of the options would be to tie into the Southwick public sewer line. A revision of the LPP application was also discussed. The Conservation Commission will await a revised form from the LMC members for the next mailing in February 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

Certificate of Compliance Lots 7 & 21 As of this meeting, there has not been a site visit. Mr. Nelson will meet with the Commissioners on Monday June 27th

Request for a 3 year extension DEP# 292-0363 Mr. Ryan Nelson, R. Levesque & Associates requested an extension until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Patria made a motion to accept the continuation. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

David MacWilliams yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Brian Drenen yes
Jerry Patria yes

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

David MacWilliams yes
Maryssa Cook-Obregon yes

Brian Drenen yes
Jerry Patria yes

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary

cc:
Select Board
Town Clerk

Dave MacWilliams, Chairman

Brian Drenen, Vice Chairman

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Kevin Solek, Commissioner

Maryssa Cook-Obregon, Commissioner

Date