

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
March 5, 2018**

OPENING: The regular scheduled meeting of the Conservation Commission opened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is as follows:

Christopher Pratt, Chairman	Present
Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman	Absent
Frank Soleimani, Commissioner	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams Commissioner	Present
Brian Drenen Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Christopher Pratt, Chairman, opened the meeting.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of 02/05/18. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Randy Bohler, Engineer
Mr. Keith King, Property Owner

7:10 **NOI 662 College Highway DEP #292-0349** (continuation) Mr. Randy Bohler and Mr. Keith King owner, returned with a revised plan for the proposed O'Reilly's Auto Parts store. Mr. Bohler explained that they had met with the Zoning Board of Appeals who granted their variance to move the building closer to the road. A meeting is scheduled with the Planning Board on March 6th. The move allowed a larger separation of 17 to 18 feet to the buffer zone at the rear of the proposed building. The updated plan also had improvements in the subsurface water drainage and the roof water separator. Plans for a septic system have been submitted to the Board of Health.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to accept the project as revised with a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott Snyder, Property Owner

7:20 **RDA 23 Castle Street** Mr. Snyder attended the hearing to propose the cutting of 4 trees within 68 to 90 feet of the lake. Some of the branches are hanging over the house. Coordinator Clark stated that the Tree Warden conducted a site visit and did recommend removal. The trees have no intrinsic value relative to conservation. Once removed, the stumps will be ground and other trees will be planted. The Conservation Commission cautioned Mr. Snyder to clearly mark the specific trees that are to be removed.

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to find the Request for Determination negative. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

7:24 **RDA Crestview Map 27, Parcels 3, 4, & 5** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on 2/22/18. Mr. Goddard presented a plan depicting three parcels of land on the west side of College Highway, north of the golf course. The plans showed boarding vegetated wetlands with a possible stream crossing. There is also an intermittent stream crossing closer to College Highway and an isolated pond. Mr. Goddard requested a continuation of the Public Hearing until April 2nd due to the inclement weather conditions which would restrict accessibility for a site visit. Chairman Pratt made a motion for the continuation. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Timothy Bertrand, Owner

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

7:43 **NOI 21 Lakeview Street** Chairman Pratt opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on 2/22/18. Mr. Bertrand presented a plan for the construction of a garage along with a paved driveway. The site is the former parking area of the Anchor Inn. Coordinator Clark asked if the Zoning Board of Appeals was contacted for a possible variance. Mr. Bertrand did attend a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and was denied a variance relative to the location and size of the proposed structure. A surplus from the beach reconstruction would more than compensate for the proposed garage construction and landscaping will be installed. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to approve the project as presented with a \$10,000.00 bond. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Goals & Objectives The Commissioners reviewed the revised Goals & Objectives for fiscal year 2019. Mowing at the land preserves and researching a drone to assist with site visits and lake issues were added. The Commissioners also issued a letter to the Select Board relative to Coordinator Clark's role in assisting with Conservation duties, site reviews, documentation etc.

Kestrel land Trust Coordinator Clark received a letter from the Kestrel Land Trust concerning an inspection at Rising Corner. There appears to be an increased use of motorized vehicles causing rutting and erosion. The Environmental Police will be contacted to assist with resolving the issue.

Coordinator Clark also related that the damaged pipes have been removed from the floating bridge. Longer and larger poles will be purchased to replace the damaged pipes. The replacement pipes will be 1 ¼ inch in diameter and be installed at a deeper depth. Coordinator Clark will work with Dick Benoit to install the pipes.

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Kuldek Brothers – Sunnyside Conservation Restriction Mr. Goddard stated that the plans are still being worked on and will be submitted to the Conservation Commission as soon as they are completed.

Dock Violation 23 White Street Coordinator Clark related that dock fees for 2017 have been paid in lieu of the issuance of a fine. However, the property owner called and stated that his dock had floated away from the shore and requested information on how to retrieve the dock.

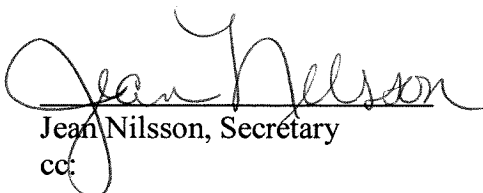
Fuel Oil Release Coordinator Clark related that DEP informed him of a fuel release from a tank at 8 Gargon Terrace. DEP did clean the spill and informed the Conservation Commission as a courtesy. No action needs to be taken at this time.

MACC Annual Conference Members of the Conservation Commission attended the annual conference. Presentations at the conference were very informative relative to current conservation issues.

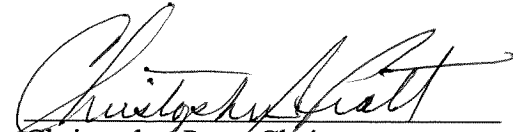
Sofonowski Field Mowing Coordinator Clark related information concerning the contract with the Sofonowski field mowing. A current contract is in existence until 2021. However, Selectman Fox questioned the payment for the mowing at the Budget Hearing for the Conservation Commission. Coordinator Clark will compose detailed information on the current status of the mowing for the Select Board members review.

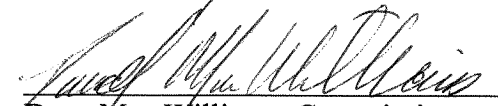
Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

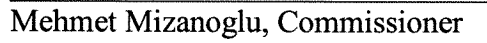
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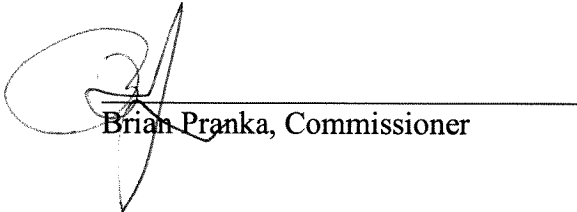

Jean Nilsson, Secretary
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Select Board
Town Clerk


Christopher Pratt, Chairman


Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner


Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner


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Date