

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
February 4, 2019

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
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Present
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Absent
Brian Drenen, Commissioner	Present
Brian Pranka, Commissioner	Present
Jerry Patria, Commissioner	Present
Dennis Clark, Coordinator	Present

7:00 Chairman Pratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Mizanoglu made a motion to accept the minutes of January 7, 2019. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Andrew Keenan, Property Owner

7:10 RDA 31 South Loomis Street Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News on 01/25/19. Commissioner Pranka disclosed that the applicant, Mr. Keenan, is a neighbor who also had a co-working relationship in the past. Chairman Pratt noted the disclosure.

Mr. Keenan presented a plan for the construction of a 30 X 50 foot garage within the 100 foot buffer zone. The driveway will be a type of trap rock, and not impervious pavement. The location is based on an available area that would not encroach on the reserve for the septic system. The rear of the garage will be built with an 11 foot wall to accommodate the slope of the land. Commissioner Drenen made a motion for a negative determination with the inclusion of erosion control during construction, and the retention of large rocks to define the buffer zone. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

7:28 NOI 13 North Pond Road DEP #292-0363 Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the notice as posted in the Westfield News on 1/28/19. As of this meeting, there had been no project number issued by DEP. Mr. Goddard presented a plan for a single family home with associated easements for driveway access to a neighboring property. The Conservation Commission suggested a reduction in the impervious surface for the driveway. There is a very steep slope leading to the shore area which will contain an 8 foot retaining wall and a terraced stairway. Mr. Goddard also presented a revised map showing four dry wells for storm water retention and distribution. The plan noted a Chapter 91 dock, however the Conservation Commission suggested that the property owner permit a dock through

the Local Permitting Program. The Conservation Commission members agreed to a site visit on February 9th. As there was no DEP file number, Chairman Pratt made a motion to continue the public hearing until the next scheduled meeting on March 4th. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Mr. Jon Goddard, R. Levesque & Associates

Kudlic Brother – Sunnyside Deed Restriction The Conservation Commission received a Grant Restriction from Attorneys representing Mr. Kudlic. The document was for a deed restriction to the Conservation Commission for a period of 50 years. Town Council had been working on resolving this issue for a long period of time. The deed restriction allows the Conservation Commission to monitor the land to ensure that there will be no more disruption of the wetlands. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to accept the deed restriction. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

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Enforcement Order 61 & 63 College Highway Mr. Goddard stated that the property developers did enter into an agreement with R. Levesque & Associates to develop a storm water drainage plan. To prevent damage to the existing structures, it was agreed to allow the roof installation construction to continue until 02/06/19. Erosion control must be installed across the entire driveway to prevent any further material from entering College Highway or crossing to the wetlands. Erosion control could be removed and replaced on a daily basis to allow materials needed so the roof can be completed. Commissioner Pranka made a motion to allow an extension of the Enforcement Order until March 4, 2019. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

LPP 2019 Applications A final draft of the application was reviewed by the Conservation Commission members. Chairman Pratt made a motion to approve the revised forms. Commissioner Mizanoglu seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. The annual mailing will be completed the week of February 18th.

Annual Town Report The Annual Town Report was submitted to the Select Board Office.

MACC Annual Conference The Conservation Commission members completed the registration form for the conference which will be held on March 2nd.

ATTENDANCE

Mr. Francis Yopak, 166 South Loomis Street, attended the meeting to discuss a culvert repair under his driveway. Mr. Yopak is considering selling a portion of the property and using the existing driveway as a common access. The current access would not support emergency vehicles. Conservation Commission members suggested the construction for a single culvert contain a wall on each side with a plastic piping.

Commissioner Pranka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for March 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

Christopher Pratt, Chairman

Seth Kellogg, Vice Chairman

Dave Mac Williams, Commissioner

Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Drenen, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner

Jerry Patria, Commissioner

Date