

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LAND USE MEETING ROOM
August 5, 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	Present
Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner	Absent
Dave MacWilliams, Commissioner	Present
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.

The members of the Conservation Commission expressed their condolences to Commissioner MacWilliams on the loss of his brother.

MINUTES

Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to accept the minutes of July 1, 2019. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ms. Mary Zawatski, Tighe & Bond

7:05 RDA Eversource Energy Line 1512 Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Westfield News on July 24, 2019. Ms. Mary Zawatski explained that there are three parcels on Vining Hill Road and Jeffery Circle which require the removal of trees to prevent an issue with the power lines. Some are too tall and others could possibly fall on the power lines. There are also two sheds that will be removed. Plantings that do not grow excessively tall will replace the removed trees. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a negative determination on the project. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jesse Moreau, Proterra Design Group
Scott Rae, J. S. Rae Pipe Line Construction

Mr. Richard Salvatorezza, Columbia Gas

7:15 RDA Columbia Gas Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal as posted in the Westfield News on July 24, 2019. Mr. Moreno explained that the project was to install a 4 inch underground plastic gas line through the neighborhood of Patriots Way, Lexington Circle, and Foster Road. The installation is trenching underground by using a drill that install a steel lining when removed will leave the 4 inch plastic pipe. Mr. Rae stated that the drill was powerful enough to go through rock and hard soils. Most of the work will be done in the roadway, but a small portion will be near a wetland. Disturbed areas will be reseeded. The project is expected to be completed in 6 days. Commissioner Pranka made a motion for a negative determination on the

project. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rob Levesque, R. Levesque & Associates

7: 30 NOI 13 North Pond DEP # 292-0363 Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing by reading the legal ad as posted in the Westfield News on July 24, 2019. The project was re-advertized as there were changes made to the original proposal. Mr. Levesque explained that the property has a very steep slope. A retaining wall will be built consisting of a double barrier of silt fencing and hay bales installed during construction. Commissioner Pranka suggested that sheathing pilings be installed to stabilize the ground to prevent anything from entering the lake. Mr. Levesque agreed that other Town Officials such as DPW and the Building Inspector review the plans for their comments. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion for a continuation of the public hearing until August 19, 2019. Commissioner Drenen seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

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7:45 12 Sunnyside Road DEP# 292-0366 The Conservation Commission reviewed a report from Mr. Levesque concerning the replication of the wetland disturbance on the parcel and presented a detailed listing of vegetation that will replace the disturbed plants. The waddles have been removed. Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to release the Enforcement Order. Commissioner Patria seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Pratt made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Pratt made a motion to accept the project as presented with a \$10,000.00 bond and a wetland consultant be hired during the construction. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Mr. & Mrs. Tararella

1 Two States Avenue Mr. and Mrs. Tarella attended the meeting to discuss the purchase of a parcel on Two States Avenue. The Commission members explained the requirements and jurisdiction relative to the lake. At this time, plans for the dwelling will not impact the jurisdictional boundaries of the lake. Information will be forward to Mrs. Taraella via email pertaining to the LPP for the possible installation of a dock and vessels.

Mr. Anthony Ouimet

287 Feeding Hills Road Mr. Ouimet attended the meeting to inquire about cutting trees and removing brush from his property on Feeding Hills Road. The growth impacts a clear view of traffic from Mr. Ouimet's driveway. The Conservation Commission advised Mr. Ouimet that a Request for Determination of Applicability will need to be filed prior to proceeding. Mr. Clark will meet with Mr. Ouimet to complete the necessary paperwork.

21 Lakeview Street DEP# 29-0351 Commissioner MacWilliams made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance and bond release. Commissioner Pranka seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Saunders Marina Coordinator Clark reported that the marina had paid a fee of \$2,880.00 for 72 vessel stickers moored.

Mr. Paul Murphy

80 Point Grove Road Mr. Paul Murphy attended the meeting to discuss a neighboring dock issue. Mr. Clark had measured the distance between the docks and noted that they were not 30 feet apart. Mr. Murphy asked that the Conservation Commission have Mr. Panella park his vessel in a location that would not block his vessel. Commissioner Pranka suggested that Mr. Murphy consult the Harbormaster. A letter will be issued to Mr. Panella stating that his dock must be moved.

159 Berkshire Avenue Members of the Conservation Commission and Coordinator Clark will meet at the location at 9:30 on August 6, 2019 to review for a retention basin to stop the water flow.

158 Berkshire Avenue There has been no response from the property owner concerning the anchor and vessel at the location. A certified letter will be issued requesting payment within 7 days of receipt to avoid paying a fine.

131 North Lake Avenue The property owner completed the variance form to keep the dock in the water year round. An appointment will be made with the Lake Management Committee at their next meeting. The Conservation Commission will await a recommendation from LMC.

Suffield LPP Payment The Conservation Commission will inquire if the Town of Suffield had paid for their LPP permits for the 2019 season. In accordance with the "Agreement" between Suffield and Southwick, the payment should have been made by July 1, 2019.

Purchase Order/Clark The Conservation Commission members agreed to reimburse Coordinator Clark for 1/3 of his phone and personal vehicle use. An inclusion in the 2020 Conservation Commission budget line item for the amount of \$1330.00 was denied by the Finance Committee. The amount will now be paid out of the Conservation Commission revolving fund.

Gorge Trash Pick Up Coordinator Clark contacted Mr. Tim Flagg concerning trash pickup at the Gorge. There have been complaints of an overflowing barrel at the location from the Southwick Police Department. Mr. Flagg had submitted a proposal for a \$30.00 per week payment for the 1 barrel at the facility and a 50% reimbursement of a transfer station sticker. The Conservation Commission members did not approve the expense. Other means will be found for the trash removal.

North Pond Coordinator Clark presented a proposed sign for the North Pond Land Preserve. Sign Grafx did a similar sign which cost \$675.00. There are "no trespassing" signs that need to be removed and others created similar to those on other Southwick land preserves. Commissioner MacWilliams will contact the Boy Scout troop to inquire if they would be willing to clear some debris from the property as a project. Coordinator Clark will also contact Shea Landscaping for a quote on clearing some of the brush along the entrance way, and check with DPW if there is any small stone that could be used in the parking area. Commissioner Patria made a motion to allow Coordinator Clark to purchase the sign. Commissioner MacWilliams seconded the motion. None opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

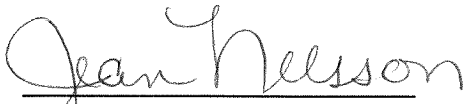
Goals & Objectives The Conservation Commission reviewed the goals and objectives for fiscal year 2020.

Sexual Harassment In The Workplace Coordinator Clark made DVD's for all the Conservation Commission members of the presentation by Attorney Dupery to watch as they were not available for the mandatory meetings.

Westfield Conservation Commission Coordinator Clark was contacted by Mr. Stinehart concerning assisting the Westfield Conservation Commission until such time as their Coordinator position has been filled. The Conservation Commission members agreed to have Coordinator Clark help out as long as the duties will not impact his commitments in Southwick, and he is compensated for hours work above his current salaried time.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for August 19, 2019

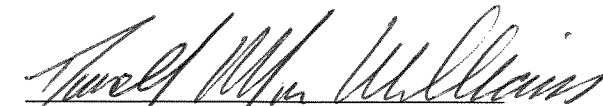
Respectfully submitted,



Jean Nilsson, Secretary
cc:

Select Board
Town Clerk

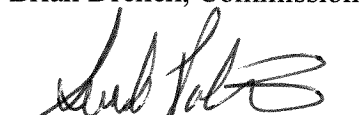
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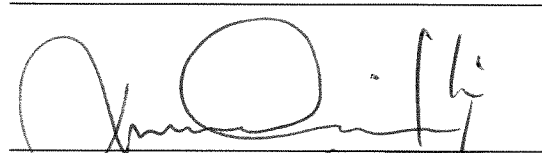
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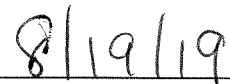


Jerry Patria, Commissioner



Mehmet Mizanoglu, Commissioner

Brian Pranka, Commissioner



Date